

you wish to speak on the motion to overrule the Chair? Senator Coordsen, on the motion to overrule? Senator Janssen, on the motion to overrule? Senator Wesely, will you be speaking on the motion to overrule? Senator Bernard-Stevens? Any future lights that go on, I will assume then that they wish to speak on the motion to overrule. Each member has the authority to speak once. Senator Hudkins has spoken once, you also have the opportunity to close on her motion to overrule the Chair. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, the committee has done nothing other than what has been found to be necessary over the years, and especially in recent years with the amount of controversy that we've had over a large number of bills, to facilitate the process. Each and every bill in this package has had a hearing before the public, Natural Resources Commission, it has advanced from the Natural Resources Commission (sic). The votes, as you know, were seven-nothing on this particular bill. It is a necessary way to facilitate getting a hearing. As you know we have a whole list of committee priority bills, committee priority bills that are probably not going to get heard, they're probably not going to get heard because motions like this are keeping things from developing. If you want to bring the business of this Legislature to a screeching halt, you can do it by this mechanism and by overruling the Chair. But I don't think that's what we want to do. I think we've been trying to give everything a thorough and fair hearing. This is an opportunity to have a fair hearing, three stages of debate on each and every segment of this bill. The Natural Resources Committee has not asked for an inordinate amount of time on this floor, in fact I think we've made inordinate efforts to settle our matters off the floor. To my knowledge there has not been one unnecessary or prolonged debate, very few debates on any natural resources bills. I see no reason why they shouldn't...the committee should not get a fair hearing before the Legislature on these matters. I again emphasize to you that overruling the Chair will make an enormous difference on how things are processed the rest of this session, because, believe me, I'm going to be sure that rule is applied to everything else that happens and I'm going to go back after everything that has gone down the pike so far, that has come down the pike because of this particular method of operating. And it's...I think if you look at things as a whole, to start at this point in time in the process and say, oh well, on this one we're going to change the rules,