

Mr. Speaker, don't take personally what I'm saying because I'm going to support your ruling because it's right, it's necessary. And if you want the process to function you have got to sustain the Chair. But in the same way that even though I voted against the adoption of you all's rules, I follow them, if you vote to overrule the Chair, I'm going to play to the hilt the new game that you have brought to town. We have to, on some occasions, look beyond the specific issue. As Senator Dierks pointed out, it may be necessary for the Ag Committee, of which he is the chairperson, to attempt to do this. So look beyond the moment, try to make the long-range view. But if you can't, as the avenger, as the avenger I shall teach you what you have done and I shall make you regret it, and I'm going to taunt and mock and scoff when I see your anger and irritation at my challenge to every committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise in support of the Chair and in opposition to overruling the Chair. I think Senator Wesely and Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Chambers very well expressed the consequences of overruling the Chair, the very practical consequences of doing so. And I won't belabor that part of it. I think if it is a decision by this body to operate differently than we have over the past, then I think we should make that decision at the beginning of a legislative session and not on the 80th day when we're nearly through and when this practice has been used by other committees, and when we as a body have allowed that to continue to happen by not challenging it. I think to use a tactical move at this late stage is not wise, is not practical, and if we think we're backlogged now, folks, we've only seen just the beginning if we overrule the Chair. With that, I will conclude and I will yield the remaining part of my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Preister. Just a couple of items to add to...first of all, to clarify the record. Senator Schrock had indicated that the bill had been reported out in May, it had not been reported out in May, it had been reported out in March. Secondly, I want to point out to you that, and I'm not picking on any committee, but the Health Committee, among others, has used this process, that there was a bill,