

develop, and we will have to expand, and I think we have given Senator Will and his Rules Committee a few more things to look at over the interim between now and next year that we might have to clarify. But when you have two different sets of rules that are in conflict, the only course for the Legislature that makes sense is the course that is the most easiest to understand, where the amendments are drafted correctly so that we can pursue that, and then the other amendments can then be redrafted so they can fit the bill as we now have it. And so even though that is going to make...no matter what decision you make on this issue, whether you support the Chair or not, there is going to be people who had amendments that will be dissatisfied. So what we, as a Legislature, need to do is to say which is the best way to proceed, and the best way to proceed is with those amendments that were properly drafted to the bill. That gives the other senators time to draft the amendments. They will be able, hopefully, to offer some of those as amendments to the amendments. Maybe some people will allow them to substitute in. There are a lots of other ways it can happen, but, at least, we can proceed with amendments that are properly drafted and we don't get into the fight on the floor as, excuse me, where does this amendment go, I am trying to find where this...how this amendment goes to the bill that we have before us, it is written a little differently, and if that is the discussion we are going to have, it will totally dilute from the discussion of the policy issue. So I think the Chair's, the decision, though it is a difficult decision and confusing, I think it is the wisest decision that we need to do. The other thing I would comment is that Senator Sam Irwin, who used to be of North Carolina, chaired Judiciary Committee in Washington, DC, said to me one time he was the champion of filibustering. He said, son, if you want to do a good filibuster, the best thing you can do is to start an old...a good old-fashioned rules fight. Senator Chambers has got to be kind of smiling, because the first thing we may have is a good old-fashioned rules fight and it is always easier to filibuster if you are trying to...if you are not having to talk on the issue but you are talking rules because everyone can get involved. I recommend that we settle the issue, we support the Chair's ruling. We move on so we can get to the topic and continue the discussion. I rise in support of the ruling of the Chair.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Will, your light is next.