

intended to do and with that then the question is, do we all need to have legal training to look at the different nuances of the rules and should that be a prerequisite to serving effectively as a member of this body to be able to have that in-depth knowledge not only of the rules, but as Senator Chambers mentioned, how courts apply legal principles and should those legal principles be applied completely in a setting such as this? I don't think so. I think that has gotten us to the point where we spend sometimes more time on the legalistic interpretations of bills or rules rather than on the wisdom of legislation that we are looking at passing. I would urge that the Chair be upheld.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Abboud, to speak to the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, members, I've been going through the rules too and I'm not quite sure where Senator Withem was intending to include this or not, but it wasn't on the list of rules to be suspended and I suppose it's too late to amend your motion, Senator Withem. I really don't know. I guess I'll be looking for some guidance here on this particular issue. It probably should have been included in there and it wasn't, but maybe it is, I don't know. I haven't heard... Senator Withem, I'll yield the rest of my time to you if you'd like to respond to Senator Chambers' concerns.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem, you have four minutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, thank you, Senator Abboud. In a very technical, legalistic sense, Senator Chambers is 100 percent correct, and my first reaction was to probably rather sheepishly and quietly go along with what he had to say to allow a bracket motion provided it doesn't get amended to be filed without objection. But I think...and also, Senator Chambers, just to clarify, you know I'm not in position, I'm not the type of people that wants to point fingers and blame other people for my mistakes. This wasn't included, it should have been, it was my motion, it's my fault if it was not and your reference to somebody in the lobby, nobody in the lobby participated in the drafting. It was a conceptual idea that they gave to me. It was not, here, Senator Withem, here's a motion you can run. It was prepared under my direction and I reviewed it ahead of time. This is something that I didn't catch and it was my mistake. But I think Senator Lindsay's argument convinced me that the