

anyone in here who really can, besides maybe the Speaker, because Senator Withem knows exactly what he meant by it. Unfortunately, we have a rule that Senator Chambers is talking about that was not included in Senator Withem's rule. He should be allowed to bracket, at least to offer his motion to bracket. I suspect the votes won't be there to bracket. There were 40 some votes of a cloture the other day. I doubt he'll have 25 to bracket the bill. He may be able to offer...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...amendments to that and we might suspend that rule as well, but at least we'll be talking about the bill at some point if we allow the process to continue. Otherwise we're going to be on this type of thing which I don't believe is the best use of our time, particularly since there is no emergency that we have to throw all that which we agreed to in the beginning by the wayside for reasons of panic that I don't really see at this...don't understand at this point.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Will to speak to the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I just want to be very brief. I would urge you to uphold the Chair. I think that Senator Withem and Senator Lindsay in particular have adequately addressed the fact that I think the intent was fairly well known to the members of the body when they voted on the rule suspension. I think again Senator Chambers does have a very good technical point, but we have to bear in mind when we are talking about our rules that certainly we do our best every year to draft them, to make them as precise as possible, but the fact is when you do go to suspend the rules I think you have to bear in mind the intent of the rule suspension and you have to remember that these rules are not a perfect document. These rules are...every year there are a number of times that situations arise that need to be clarified in the rules that perhaps technically fall outside of the range of the rules. I think we're bordering on one of those at this point. I certainly can understand the argument that Senator Chambers makes but at the same time I would hope that you would vote to uphold the Chair.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Schimek.