

Chambers, to close on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, a bracket motion is being made by me at this time and it is not a priority motion but it's the only one allowed under the rule suspension that you all voted for. I'm not making a motion to bracket to a time certain, that was covered by Senator Withem's motion. I am not attempting to amend the bill because that was covered by Senator Withem's motion. I accept the whipping that you all put on me when you voted to suspend the rules, and I'm going by everything that you adopted in your rule suspension motion. I'm accepting it but this you did not cover, but you want to say it should be covered anyway. Let me read for you Rule 6, 3(e). At any stage of consideration of a bill...I emphasize any stage of consideration of a bill, a motion to bracket or to bracket to a day certain or to unbracket shall, if made by the primary introducer of the bill, require a majority of those voting. If made by other than the primary introducer, there shall then be required a majority vote of the elected membership. In any event, such motions shall alternatively be passed by unanimous consent of the body. It says motions, plural. There is a bracket motion. There is a motion to bracket to a day certain. Senator Withem's motion to suspend covers specifically bracketing to a day certain, so I didn't try to bracket to a day certain because I lost on that. I have read from your rules that which I am allowed to do under your rules and under the suspension motion that Senator Withem persuaded you all to adopt. And you do have the votes, you can uphold the Chair, you can pretend that the rules don't say what they say, but I will remember this day and I will refer back to it, I promise you that. And I'm going to say it loud and I'm going to say it clear that when you have a body and you have a minority individual or group in that body and the majority group blatantly disregards its rules, that is a discriminatory act. It can be nothing else. The Speaker was allowed to get his motion ahead of everything else that was already filed on these bills and he was allowed to draft his motion in the way that he saw fit, and he made specific reference to the rules to be suspended. He did not suspend the provision of the rule that I'm talking about. Now if you vote that, in fact, he did suspend it then I say English doesn't mean anything. There is no reason for having a rule to require motions to be in writing, no need for any of that. You want it in writing so that we can read exactly what it is we voted on. What did Senator Hall ask me on my motion to bracket? Is it in writing? Senator Hall, in