

all. No individual is bound by what is said, no individual is bound by a vote. So what we could have done was come this morning, allow the introduction of bills, adjourn until tomorrow, and let people sit around who want to kibitz and do what they choose. The other day time was taken, and I think we'd adjourned before it was done, to allow chairpersons to stand up and tell what their committees had developed in the way of information on property taxes. But now we have introduced into our process the nonbinding resolution which, because a majority want to do it, will consume discussion and achieve, in my opinion, nothing. It has been a lot of conversation that is going nowhere. The reason there has not been a lot of heat generated in the discussion, because nothing of substance is being talked about. I say nothing of substance, not from the standpoint that property tax has an issue like substance, but all of the proposals, recommendations, suggestions and amendments have no substance whatsoever. If every one of them had been adopted it wouldn't mean anything. If every one had been defeated it wouldn't mean anything. If this resolution finally is voted up it means nothing. If it's voted down it means nothing. When can you all say that I got stuck on an issue, whether it was to delay a bill or to try to defeat what I thought was an unwise rule change, and the vote didn't mean anything whatsoever? The rules don't change, nothing changes, and yet you all sit here, my critics, my condemnors, because I take rules seriously and discuss them and fight hard, and yet you all collaborate to waste all this time this morning. And I heard what Senator Wehrbein said, and I don't think I got it all because I was looking up something in the dictionary. When I talk about extended discussion I mean when a proposition is before us on which we're to take action. Nothing is before the body. And I know you're going to say, well, this resolution is and we're going to take a vote. But I think you understand what I mean when I say a proposition that has some significance and some value to our process. What this amendment, I mean what this motion is that I'm offering now goes to is not the content of Senator Withem's amendment. I haven't even followed the discussion, that was intentional. I think we should overrule the Chair. And then if another situation arises where you want to allow...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that looseness, then the body will agree