

will not be able to make a motion to bring her bill to the forefront. So if you're out there and you think that I agree with Senator Stuhr's bill, therefore I need to overrule the Chair so that bill will have a chance, don't vote for that reason because Senator Stuhr already knows that if the Chair is not overruled she can, today, file the motion under Rule 17, and she will have a chance to pull the bill from committee, as Senator Maurstad has his chance. So the issue of the bill is irrelevant because a vote will be taken by this body, if Senator Stuhr desires, to pull that bill one way or the other, yes or no, at that point. So don't vote because you support the bill, or don't support the bill because that vote will be taken at some point, if Senator Stuhr desires. Please understand Rule 19. And, Senator Witek, I'm sorry if some of the new members don't understand the rules. I don't think we want to have a set of baby rules and a set of adult rules. We simply have the rules, and if new senators want to get involved in the process, the one thing that they're told in the beginning is read the rule book, read the rule book. And those senators who are successful on the floor, nine times out of ten, are the ones that know the rules. It's like any game, if you know the rules better than somebody else, you might have a chance to win. So we don't need to have separate rules. Senator Stuhr understands this rule. Senator Stuhr knows that the real question in her mind is does she need 25 votes or 30. But, members of the body, please understand Rule 19. And if I could have your attention just for a minute. Rule 19 was put there so that we don't have powerful committee chairmen who just sit on a bill forever. Rule 19 was put there for us. Rule 19, if a chair holds onto my bill for more than 20 days with no action, I, as a senator, have a right and the power to force that committee to take an action. And that's exactly what happened. Senator Stuhr did perfect on the use of the rules. She forced the committee to take an action. Once the committee took an action, now she then can react to that action. If it passed, it's her priority bill, it will be discussed. If it was killed, then she needs to file under Rule 17 to pull it notwithstanding the committee's action. And if they simply said we're doing nothing, her motion would have been valid today and she would need 25. Every consideration is given to the individual senators to block an absolute power of a committee chair and the committee. That's what Rule 19 is there for. Rule 19 is to force the committee to act or else the bill will be pulled with 25. The rules are working perfectly as designed. Senator Stuhr knows that if she