

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, thank you very much. We've had the five hands. We are now ceasing debate. We are not voting on the motion to overrule the Chair. I apologize for that. Question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye. Okay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is now ceased. Senator Stuhr, you may close on your motion of overruling the Chair.

SENATOR STUHR: I would just like...Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would just like to point out in my closing that as I filed this motion I did so in good faith. I did what the rule said, not what it intended. I moved as possibly...as fast as I could. I did contact the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee several times wondering what the status of the bill was in the committee. And the rule that I feel I complied with says, a majority of this body is needed to have this bill placed on General File. And I ask the members to seriously consider this. And, Senator...is it possible to turn some of my time over to Senator Kristensen?

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are four minutes left in the closing.

SENATOR STUHR: Would you? No. Okay. All right. I ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question now before the body is, shall the Chair be overruled? The Chair voted that this is...the Chair ruled that this is not the proper motion to be before the body at this time. Voting yes will overrule the Chair and will indicate that it is an appropriate motion, and the motion will then be before the body. Voting no will sustain the Chair. This motion will not be before us, but I would indicate other motions might...would be appropriate at that time. It's my understanding that as we are starting the vote, 47...there are 47 members here. The vote to overrule the Chair is a vote of those pre...majority of those present, unless one of those other members arrives or somebody else leaves during the course of the voting, 24 votes will be needed to overrule the Chair. Question now is, shall the Chair be overruled? Have you all voted? Senator Stuhr, for what purpose do you rise?