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SPEAKER BROMM:      Just a moment, Senator Smith. Senator Smith, did you have something else to say?

SENATOR SMITH: Well, I would point to the rule where it says, once motions are stated, they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision or amendment or ordering of a vote has been made. And certainly the amendment has not been adopted. There has not been a vote. And consequently, I would move to withdraw AM2670.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Smith, I think at this point you could move to withdraw your objection to the substitution motion. But I think we have to dispose of the substitution motion before any other motion to withdraw any of the underlying matters...

SENATOR SMITH:      I would do so.

SPEAKER BROMM:      ...would be in order. Senator Smith, while we try to understand exactly what you want, I'm going to recognize the next speaker. And I'll have the Clerk come back and visit with you.

SENATOR SMITH:      Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN:    I'll call the question.

SPEAKER BROMM:      Senator Stuthman, I'm not going to entertain that motion until we settle Senator Smith's request, and then we'll rule on your request. Senator Smith and members, we'll proceed to dispose of the motion that's before us, which is to substitute, which Senator Stuthman has called the question on. And I would then ask if there are five hands. I do see five hands. Members, then the question before us is whether debate shall cease on the motion to substitute. And all in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, and opposed nay. We're voting on calling the question. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      24 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.