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Lazarus Resurrected, 11CA. This is appalling. The question was called that first time, three opponents spoke. Is that full and fair debate? Yes, according to the transcript of the Exec Board, it said we've had zero debate this session on LR 11CA. That was stated, that was stated as rationale for bringing up LR 11CA this very moment. So far we've heard about new rules, about closings and so forth. It isn't in the rules but tradition. I guess I remember between when I was elected and when I took office, the Clerk's Office sent me a Rule Book. I tried to read that and that was hard to soak up the whole time, but I'm learning still today that there are unwritten rules here and there. I believe it's possible to overrule the Chair. I do have another question of Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, will you respond?

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Bromm, Rule 1, Section 17, subsection (1), it says that each committee to which a major proposal has been referred to, now they accepted the bill last year when it wasn't designated a major proposal, but that's fine.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: It says, hold a public hearing by a date certain as agreed to by the Speaker and committee Chairperson. Is there documentation to your agreements regarding the approval and agreeing to a public hearing?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, while I've been in the Legislature and while this rule has been in effect, historically, the Speaker hasn't picked major proposals until after they arrive on the floor out of the committee. At least that's the experience I've had and that's exactly what's happened this year. It wasn't necessary to deal with it until it got out of committee.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. New information I can appreciate and, again, I don't want to criticize those who...