

April 14, 1986

those in favor vote aye, opposed vote...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is that a debatable motion?

PRESIDENT: I think not.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think it is. It is not a motion to adjourn. It is a motion to recess and it is debatable.

PRESIDENT: It is not debatable.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then I move that the Speaker be overridden. I know that can damn well have a vote.

PRESIDENT: The motion that I have before me is to recess. The motion is not debatable. We will take a vote on the motion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike off) that the motion is debatable. You have said it is not debatable, I have challenged the Chair.

PRESIDENT: Well, the question is whether you are going to challenge your own rules, not my decision. The rule is that a motion to adjourn or recess is not debatable.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then I move to suspend the rule, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Very well, you suspend the rules to challenge the decision of the Chair, correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

PRESIDENT: Very well.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, to challenge the motion to recess.

PRESIDENT: All right, is there discussion on the challenge? If not, the motion is that shall the Chair be overruled? The motion is to suspend the rules which has just been quoted concerning "nondebatability" of motions to recess. All those in favor vote...

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Mike off) ...is debatable, and I don't very often become angry, and I am not an attorney, but I know what the hell I am talking about.