

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, because of what I said earlier on this resolution, this may seem like a trifling issue, and maybe in the minds of most it is. But because it's a part of our process that we're looking at, I have to make this challenge. Many times our rules are drafted with a legislative bill referred to, although, as we've talked about over here in the culture corner, there's the implication that those things attach to other proposals that are offered. And it seems to me that the better part of orderliness in proceedings would be to require that a member support a proposition that he or she offers. Now, we could be misled by a member saying, yeah, I'll support it. Then when the vote comes up he or she does not support it, and if that would happen, should I succeed in overruling the Chair, that whole vote would be nullified and that item would go away. That seems to me to be the way to handle it. So in the absence of a specific or explicit requirement in the rules that an amendment be supported by the one who offers it, maybe that's something that could be considered as a rules change. But think about it, not just in connection with the content of the Speaker's motion. I would like you to look at it with reference to resolutions we might offer, amendments, or any other item, and see would it not seem more reasonable that the person who offers it should support it. If the one who offers it sees no value in it, isn't it a waste of our time to take it up and deal with it? If you see nothing impolitic about allowing proposals and propositions to be offered, which the offerer does not intend to support, then we will not overrule the Chair. If, on the other hand, in the same way that a person who introduces a bill must support the bill, does it make sense that other propositions or proposals on which we're going to take some kind of action as a Legislature should have to require that support? I'm not going to take all of the time that I have in an opening. I'm not going to speak again, except by way of close, should I see the necessity of doing so. It's something that I see as significant, I think it's important enough for us to address it this morning by way of how we vote on this motion to overrule the Chair. So, I am trying to seek from you an affirmative vote to overrule the Chair. If we overrule the Chair it would mean that the one who offers a proposition, whatever it is, would have to support that proposition himself or herself.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Those wishing to