

that if in the presiding officer's opinion that there has not been a chance to adequately debate a subject, whether or not debate can be extended at this particular point. Whether that would apply at this point is a matter for Chair to rule on but whether the rule is even in effect is primary to the discussion. The Chair will recognize Senator Beutler to address himself to the question, the point of order.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, under Rule 7, Section 4 of the Rules of the Legislature as they now apply, I would request that the presiding officer rule the previous question out of order on the basis that a full and fair debate has not been afforded on a complex issue.

PRESIDENT: Will you bring that rule up here. I don't have the copy of the rules, Senator Beutler. It does read the way I suggested it read, that the presiding officer may so rule to extend the ... "The presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded due to the complexity of the subject matter." Since I did not have these rules up here I will use that as an excuse but I have already ruled. My decision is that I have already ruled and the only way you can get around this, Senator Beutler, is I might suggest is you can move to overrule the Chair which in this case only takes 25 votes. So that is the only way you can take care of it. Because I am going to rule that I have ruled...that I have already ruled that debate ceases. Had this been brought up before we ruled on it I think maybe... well I'm not sure. No sense in speculating. So if no one wants to do anything about it I am going to go ahead with the... Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and this is to cast no aspersion on the Chair because it was a new rule just enacted and the Chair, I think, has tried to handle this as capable a fashion as possible. I think I am going to offer a motion to overrule the Chair and just so that it will be clearly understood why I do this I have to say a few words. I know that there was great haste on the part of Senator Haberman in obtaining a large number of signatures to his resolution. To my knowledge only one or two people have had the courage after second thinking the matter to have their names taken off and maybe only one did but one of the worst things in the world for a deliberative assembly is to make an error then not be willing to acknowledge it. This is a very important issue. It is something which is being discussed in places other than on the floor of this