

Legislature. So much will be gathered about the attitude and the seriousness with which the Legislature considers complex matters from the way this particular issue is handled. We spent far more time than this on resolutions that dealt with nothing, that carried no impact, no weight, anyplace, but they were enacted merely to allow certain Senators to tell people in their district that they had done something or other. I seriously doubt that the Chair will be overruled but nevertheless, as long as I am in this Legislature and I have a solemn responsibility on me which I voluntarily assumed, part of that responsibility, as I understand it, is to stand here and speak for what I think is right if I am the only one doing it. I will never be stampeded, bulldozed or beaten down by sheer weight of numbers. There is an important issue contained in the resolution but there is an even more important principle that relates to the integrity of the legislative process in this state. For the reasons that I have given I must offer the motion that the Chair be overruled.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, I think that you have a proper...it is proper that you make that motion and it is up to the Legislature. I think I have already given my arguments. It is just a simple decision that I made and while I am speaking I just want to say that the Clerk and I have conferred. Now that it is clear that this rule is in effect, there also is in effect another rule change which makes this... This is to be treated as a bill because it said "or rejection" and so not that it would overall would have made any difference to this point except that from this point on this must go across the board as a bill anyway. So I just want to clarify that at this point and we are going to get the updated rules, copies of it up here at the desk so that the Clerk and I will not be in this position again. So with that, Senator Chambers, we will go to your motion and the question is, shall the Chair be overruled which shall require 25 votes in this case. And I am going to just call the question, shall the Chair be overruled. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chambers, is it alright? I will call the vote. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to overrule the Chair, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is sustained and now we are in a position where this must be treated, as I just indicated earlier, as a bill across the board so the motion is to advance from