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the motion is on the desk and when it comes up before me, I don't recognize it as before me, that is what I am saying. The motion is on the desk and I will say that when the Speaker puts it on the agenda then it can be ruled on. I don't have it before me to rule on. That is what I am saying.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman.....

PRESIDENT: You have five days to bring this up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, a motion to reconsider will be filed the day of the action in question....

PRESIDENT: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:or the following day.

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have filed it the day in question.

PRESIDENT: And it is filed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have complied with the rule and that motion takes priority over every other thing. That is what the rule says.

PRESIDENT: The motion is filed, that's all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then you are going to disregard the rule.

PRESIDENT: I am not going to rule on it until it comes before me for a ruling. I may not even be here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I challenge the Chair's failure to rule. That in itself is a ruling, and I think the Chair must make a ruling since my mot' n is offered pursuant to the rule.

PRESIDENT: Well.....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think the arbitrariness here is something of seriousness. It is my motion today which people probably are opposed to. But what we are looking at now is the integrity of the rule procedure of the Legislature. Either the rules apply for me like they do everybody else, or you are saying that one individual.....