

the rules. It used to be the rules had a provision once upon a time that if there had been intervening business between the time that something occurred, why you could raise the question and I guess in the old age, at least, there would not have been intervening business because all that had happened was the vote even though there may have been a comment or a request made just prior to the vote. But it is very clear to me that LB 713 carries the language that there is hereby appropriated from the general fund 65.7 million. I understand very clearly that the amendment that was offered to the committee amendment was an appropriation for 8.5 million and Rule 6, Section 3(h) very clearly states that any amendment to an appropriation bill or an amendment to an amendment for any appropriation bill requires a majority of the elected members and that was the grounds for raising the question after the vote was announced so that I knew what it was. It was a roll call vote. It wasn't on the board that I could see. But I raised the question before the Presiding Officer had...at least, I attempted to raise the question before the Presiding Officer had, in fact, declared the motion passed or not passed. On that basis, why I would request that the Chair be overruled and that we accept what the rules say that the majority of the elected members must support an amendment to an amendment or an amendment to the bill where an appropriation is involved.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, those of us who have been agonizing over this issue for the months and it is turning into years now that we have been agonizing over this issue, I think will agree in concept and principle that it should not be decided in this body on the basis of a technicality or a ruling from the Chair that, in my opinion, is questionable. I rise to support Senator Warner's motion to override the Chair and I will close my statement in asking you to vote for this override to establish what is right on the basis of a handout that I presented to you earlier today on what...the second page includes a quote by Mr. Amen from the Miller-Domina report. When we are talking about a technicality in regard to all of the sorrow and hardship that has been created by the actions that are described in this statement, we should not let it rest on a technicality and an improper ruling. I will quote Mr. Amen, page 122,