

appropriation bill, defined over then the other place, or a motion to amend an amendment to an appropriation bill shall require a majority vote of the elected members. But you better be careful as to what you call appropriations bills or you are going to trap all of yourselves on every other bills in the future and you are going to change the process because of this particular hard case and hard situation today. And indeed it is. It is a hard situation but I am satisfied the ruling was right. I would point out it still requires 25 votes to adopt this as the committee amendment and that is what you should remember. It still is ultimately going to require 25 votes. The process provides for that. So if it doesn't have 25 votes, then you go back to square one and you deal with the issue. And I still think that the Chair was completely right irrespective of your personal feelings on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak in your own right now?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I have heard...I have been here seven years and I have heard Senator Warner say time and time and time again that we are instituting a new program here or we are changing this or this is just the beginning of something and an A bill will follow, so let's just go ahead and do this and then we will follow with an A bill. But nobody looked on page 32 that I can see, so it says when any bill proposes adoption of a new program or changes an existing program which would require an appropriation to implement, an appropriation bill for the purpose of funding the provisions of such bill shall be prepared from the information contained in the fiscal note. Such appropriation bill shall be prepared at the direction of the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. Such bill shall be placed on General File and considered as introduced by the introducer of the original bill or the committee. So in the rule book it says that it has to have an A bill. And now Senator Warner is trying to call a cow a horse and then sometimes he gets up and calls a horse a cow, but it all depends on which way he wants to bounce back and forth. So I would say that the Chair was absolutely right in its ruling and that you want to be careful what you do because when you take the rules and you change them once, then you are stuck. So I would ask that you do not overrule the Chair. Thank you, Mr. President.