

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the deadline in the rule?

SENATOR DECAMP: The Clerk will read it.

CLERK: Senator, if you look at Rule 8 on page...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'd rather look at you, Mr. Clerk, and listen...

CLERK: I'll read slowly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because I've got to watch John, too.

CLERK: Senator, it's Rule 8, Section 4. It says that Appropriations shall place appropriation bills on General File no later than the 70th legislative day in a 90-day session and then it goes on to read, et cetera, and then it goes on to read, the appropriation bills shall be passed no later than the 80th legislative day in a 90-day session. That's Rule 8, Section 4.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the rule has been violated already as far as passing the bill on the 80th legislative day.

SENATOR DECAMP: That is true and I with my high moral standards and desire to follow the rules want to make sure we now start complying and this is the only way to force compliance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and I'm through asking Senator DeCamp questions right at this point, we cannot say that a rule is going to be suspended by implication or that a rule is going to automatically nullify what we're doing at the moment. What he is doing is offering a motion which is not a priority motion. He's trying to say I want to make you vote on this bill, but if what he is saying is correct about what the rule reads, then it means regardless of how we vote, the bill must be deemed passed. He is not getting a vote to pass the bill which is going to ensure that it passes by the 80th day, he is trying to get to a position to take a vote on the bill, but that still won't ensure its passage. That rule is another bit of nonsense that was put there by a Legislature that was desperate and did not read carefully the words that it put in the rule book. In other words, the words mean nothing. The rule cannot compel the Legislature