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SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes, I do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, then the question is shall the Chair be overruled.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR ABBOUD: My feeling is what we should possibly look to is what we've done in the past and that is to hold onto the bill or this particular amendment onto the bill as one complete package and ask an Attorney General's opinion on that particular issue. Now I know in the past, when I've requested Attorney General's opinions from our current Attorney General, he doesn't like to answer questions of a hypothetical nature. My belief is that if we asked an AG opinion dealing with a particular amendment that hasn't been attached to a bill, I probably wouldn't get a response. I don't think anyone in this body would probably get a response. I know I asked an Attorney General's opinion dealing with a subject...whether LB 35 could in fact be introduced by the Governor, whether the Governor could expand the call. The Attorney General told me that this was a hypothetical situation because it had not occurred. I requested that approximately two weeks ago, a little over two weeks ago. So I am careful that unless we do have this amendment attached to LB 35 he would assume that it would be a hypothetical situation and probably wouldn't give me a response to it. So it is quite a dilemma because I don't know whether I'll get a response until it is attached. It is a Catch-22 situation. But, Mr. President, I feel at least at this particular time we do have another income tax bill coming down the line, and I'm going to think about it a little bit and maybe reintroduce the amendment or maybe attach the amendment in a different particular locale. Maybe I'll attach it to an Appropriation Committee bill, or put an amendment onto that particular bill like we did with an earlier bill that came through our Government Committee where we changed that around and we switched the rules around a little bit and we got that to be within the call. So I think I'm going to withdraw my motion to challenge the Chair at this particular time, and maybe at a future date, maybe later on this afternoon when we take up the income tax