

Select File for a specific amendment. Ten seconds. Senator Pirsch, what do you...?

SENATOR PIRSCH: It seemed like we did have some chairs filled that suddenly have become empty. Are we still on Final Reading?

PRESIDENT: We are on Final Reading.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, perhaps...we have how many excused right now?

PRESIDENT: Eleven.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Eleven excused. Okay.

PRESIDENT: Have you all voted? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know we are supposed to be in our seats on Final Reading but are we formally under call of the house? I don't think we are.

PRESIDENT: I would think we are since we are on Final Reading. All members who are not excused are to be in their seats.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Very well, then if we are under call and we stay under call until the call is raised and the only way that can happen is if we go off Final Reading, I want under the rules...I want to exercise the prerogative that we have under the rules to have the members brought back to the Chamber.

PRESIDENT: I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only difference between those who are excused and those who are not is that those who are excused will not have to pay their own way back here.

PRESIDENT: Well, there is a similarity between being on Final Reading and being under call, is that you are required to be in your seats, but I do not interpret Final Reading as being under call in the sense that it allows us to bring members in under the usual terms of a call.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I ask for a call of the house.