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which makes it all inclusive. It eliminates nonsocial meetings.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: It includes all meetings.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's right.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Where formerly social meetings would have been excluded. They would now be included.

SENATOR CARPENTER: It says, "all meetings of which all members or a majority of the members of any government body shall be required by law to be notified or shall have been actually notified to convene at a collective body for any of these purposes". That's the provision. That's the formula. That's what the bill says.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I find that whole paragraph extremely hard to understand in the context of striking "nonsocial" it would seem to include social. Let me give you an example of what this seems to bring to mind to me. We are often invited to various things by groups, encores or the mentally ill or whoever, some organization, who invites members of the Legislature for presentation on particular legislation. Now, those are social meetings, generally, in which there is some substantial effect on public business. Now, by striking "nonsocial" would you construe that to mean that that would then become such a meeting that we would be required to give public notice and invite the general public because we are there discussing public business.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No. If you will go back to line 13, it says, "all meetings of which all members or a majority of the members of any government body shall be required by law to be notified".

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, what are those?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, when you act as a city council, you have to notify them. If you are going to meet out with people giving you dinner, you don't have to notify. It is not a governmental function.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. Then that brings me back to my original question of why we strike "nonsocial" which the affect of striking "nonsocial" is to include social, and those are not meetings, generally public meetings, at which public business is conducted.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Can you inform me of a social meeting that it'd be called under the application of this law as it is now amended? How would you do it?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, that's my whole question. Are we intending by striking "nonsocial" to include social? That's what I'm asking. I don't know. What is the legislative intent here?

SENATOR CARPENTER: The legislative intent is to apply only to meetings which are required to be called by law at specific places. That's what the thing says. That's what I just got through reading.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well..that..that certainly seems inconsistent with the manner in which you are going about it. I, basically, support your concept in the bill but I do have some difficulty with why you would strike "nonsocial". Certainly a social meetings are never public meetings by..under which by law you would be required to give notice. Why not continue