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PRESIDENT: There was no opening and no closing.

SENATOR PROUD: He did put the motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: That is right.

SENATOR PROUD: Then the motion is debatable.

PRESIDENT: Then he moved the previous question.

SENATOR PROUD: Well we didn't vote on the previous question. And, besides to clear that up I would ask for a decision of that question. It seems to me that he can't make two motions at once. If somebody calls for a division of the question and the question is whether we reconsider and it seems to me that that is debatable.

PRESIDENT: Well the previous question in the order of motions is next to the motion to adjourn and so....

SENATOR PROUD: So are we voting...then...then...then--then what is the motion under consideration? The motion to reconsider or the motion to cease debate?

PRESIDENT: Neither one.

SENATOR PROUD: Then may I ask the Chair, as my late departed friend Sam Maske used to say the question is, what is the question?

PRESIDENT: Very good....

SENATOR PROUD: What are we debating right now?

PRESIDENT: Actually the Chair is going to ask for the previous question here. We would like to take a vote on that, in the meantime I would try to allow some people to speak here, they have arisen on points of personal privilege and the Chair does not have the right to say to people that they can not speak on a personal privilege even though in this particular instance those points of personal privilege were related to the subject under discussion....

SENATOR PROUD: Then I would like to speak on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: Alright, go ahead Senator.

SENATOR PROUD: I think that there is one thing that we should get straight here. Any way that you slice it and I hope but I doubt that the newspapers will print just how much this body is trying to raise the budget. The figures are before you. It is 15 million dollars any way that you slice it. I don't care if it is to be spend this year, next year or a 100 years from now. It is 15 million bucks. You are not going to...once you do that you are not going to change that when you start construction of a building and in all probability it will be completed and you are going to end up spending the 15 million dollars. Now if that were the total budget that wouldn't be so bad, but you are attempting to add 15 million dollars to the 18 million dollars. It is just as simple as that and it couldn't be more simple. Lastly this business of the voting something and immediately calling for reconsideration. What kind of business is that and then calling for the previous question. Obviously it is a move to cease all debate and put this spending measure back where it was. I hope that you will vote down the motion to reconsider this. If there is anything that needs to be done in this body