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we do is open to anybody that wants to look at it. And that's the way it ought to be. I've had a great many arguments with other sub-divisions of government. You ought to be made to do what we do. And whenever you start making exceptions, brother, then you get a lot of leaks in the barrel and it becomes meaningless. Now, if we don't have a rule, apparently we don't, because it doesn't say so, I'd hope that Senator Duis would let me ask him a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR DUIS: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the question.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I haven't asked you yet. I'm sure you read my mind.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, you know, I've known you so long I can almost do that but not quite.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And that's what comes by a close friendship. And I appreciate that. Will you bring in a rule or attempt to bring in a rule by your committee without doing anything further to say that no committee meeting or executive session shall not be open to any member of this group. Now, that doesn't mean they can participate in discussion because you shouldn't be able to do that. But you certainly ought to be able to sit there and listen and to see what motivates the committee in making them do what they do. And a senator who wants to make the effort certainly should not be barred.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Carpenter, I think that privilege is there but I'll be more than happy to bring in a rule clarifying it. I think you're aware that when we had our Rules Committee meeting just the other day when we went into executive session we allowed everyone to sit there and we almost went to the point of allowing a little discussion because we did need the help. I have the feeling that a person's executive committee, if they're going to be open for the press, would certainly be open to members of the Legislature. So, I assure you that we will have a hearing on that particular rule as soon as I can get our good clerk, Vincent, to make up the rule change.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I feel that it's necessary to comment on a few of the facts that Senator Syas related that I don't feel are quite accurate. To begin with, I had testified earlier in the day on several bills that were before the Constitutional Committee. And, I was proceeding to leave for the day and I thought that I would stop by the committee room and see whether or not the bills had successfully been advanced or had been postponed. I did not, upon entering the room, it was in 1009, I entered the room and sat in the last chair. I did not request permission of the committee to sit there or to enter the room. In the entire time that I've been in the Legislature I have attended numerous other committee executive sessions, some by request and some not by request and I have never requested permission to enter a room during executive session. I was never aware of any committee prohibition against any senator attending any action of this Legislature. And so I didn't request permission. Senator Snyder raised the question and said you cannot be in here and I did not at first understand that he was addressing me because there were three students sitting in front of me. And I said who are you talking to. Senator Snyder said you. You can't be in here.