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SENATOR DICKINSON: I'd like the body to recall the discussion last week on LB972 which deals in this area, which is a bill which compliments this budget bill. I'd like to refer you to refer you to two paragraphs in a newspaper article that Senator Kelly had distributed to us. It says this bill simply supplies this money to certain low income families, so that they may secure good care for their children when needed. It does not put the state in the business of child care, nor establish another level of bureaucracy, nor will the state have to buy or rent or in anyway become involved with buildings or staff. Now this was talked about at that time, and those proponents of these two bills, both the amount provided the budget and LB972 stated on this floor, I believe the record will show it, that this was not the intent of the bill, and apparently before the ink was dry on the bill, itself, why we have the Welfare Department asking for an amendment to the budget bill, which would allow the very thing that they said they weren't after. On that basis, I certainly oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: I rise against it, because I thought that Senator Dickinson was going to ask a question. I just heard the statement. I'm sorry, I don't mean to do this, but we are engaging back and forth, and he was to ask a question, now he just gave an opinion on the bill, did he...is Senator Cavanaugh finished? I would say he is done now. Senator Cavanaugh has been deprived of his part of his first time, because the other gentlem has made a statement instead of a question.

PRESIDENT: I don't know the point you are trying to make, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, the point I am trying to make is Senator Dickinson got up and asked a question. Now he has completed a complete statement on his opinion on the bill, which is in my opinion has precluded Senator Cavanaugh from any further statement. Because he could no longer ask a question. I'm trying to keep the thing to a place where we don't get a question and then a statement on the intended bill. Senator Dickinson well...should sit down after this question is answered. Then ask for the Chair's permission, then to make a statement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, I feel I have a right to respond to that. Senator Cavanaugh finished his statement, moved the question and I asked for the floor and was recognized by the Chair, and I think this is something proper and I somewhat resent Senator Duis, implication that I have talked without proper authority.

PRESIDENT: Well, not only that, but I feel like I have not... I have been remiss and something and I don't know what I've been remiss in doing under the rules of the Legislature. And let me explain the Chair's position as I analyze it. And we may. And I would respectfully defer to the chairman of the Rules Committee who is a specialist in the rules of the Legislature. And I understand that. Under these circumstances however, I do not see anything in the rules that would preclude Senator Dickinson, once he is recognized from asking a question or making