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SENATOR LAMB: If there are any more lights I would...I wanted to support the bill but I would just ask for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? Okay, what is the point?

SENATOR MURPHY: (mike not activated) Lamb had the misfortune to state that he would like to vote for the bill, but would call the question. No comments are allowed on a call of the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, your point is well taken. Senator Simon. Now what is the point of order?

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, Senator Kelly was referring... Senator Murphy, forgive me, is referring to a ruling that Lt. Governor Whelan made a year ago. It is not in the rules, however.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, that is true, it is a precedent.

SENATOR NEWELL: Well there was a precedent just before former Lt. Governor Whelan made that precedent there was a precedent at that time which allowed for statements and in fact motions to be made at the end of statements in favor of legislation. Lt. Governor Whelan changed that and then he made a very strict interpretation that no words could be spoken. I think that the intent was very clear that Senator Lamb was not in fact making explanation, and that sort of stuff. It is not covered under the rules, Senator Murphy owes me two dollars and.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you withdraw your protest?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm not talking to you, Senator Murphy, you don't have the floor? Senator Newell?

SENATOR NEWELL: It was a point well taken....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to over rule the Chair?

SENATOR NEWELL: I think that we will spend more time doing that than getting to the debate. I would ask the Chair to look into this more clearly and come out with a definitive ruling at another time.