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record, how a motion to return from Final Reading has been and will be handled consistently for all throughout the rest of the session.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, the Chair has ruled, and I don't think it is correct for me to..what you are asking me to do is to either overrule the Chair or not overrule the Chair. The ruling from the Chair has been made.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me put it this way, Mr. Speaker. I will not ask you to comment on the ruling just made. I will simply ask you to state what your policy will be as a Speaker, henceforth with regard to this particular issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The only thing I can say to you with that question is that when an issue arises I will make the decision and if you think it is unfair you can make a motion to overrule the Chair but you are once again being unfair by asking me a hypothetical question and I cannot rule on that particular question. If the issue comes up I will rule and then you can judge your actions accordingly. Fair enough?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, that is fair enough, Mr. Speaker, but I would just like to comment that was one poor demonstration of leadership today, in my opinion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LEWIS: Point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER MARVEL: State your point to the Chair, please.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well first of all, for those who know the rules, the rulings made were absolutely in correct order. Now if you want to jump up and protest and speak at any particular time, then that is one thing. If you want to follow the rules, that is another and I consider that a personal rebuff by Senator Beutler in terms of the issues at hand, one of those who are most meticulous about talking about rules, who was out of order at least three times during the proceedings and I think that is a poor display by a member.

SPEAKER MARVEL: May I ask those who have their lights on that would like to continue this debate to please turn your lights off. I would appreciate it if you would turn your light off, Senator DeCamp. We are on Final Reading and the bill number is 442. All legislators will be in their seats. All unauthorized personnel will please leave the floor and the Clerk will read LB 442 on Final Reading.