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there is any logic to it at all. But I would first of all like to know now, and in its amended form, tell me one single thing different, one substantive single thing different we are doing than existing law.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you directing your question to anybody in particular? Because....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator....

SPEAKER MARVEL:the Chair is trying to....

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Haberman, I guess....

SPEAKER MARVEL:to pull all of these people together.

SENATOR DeCAMP:if he wants, or if he doesn't want...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you want to answer the question?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator DeCamp, if what you are saying is true, why all the fuss and the fight? Why was the bill asked to be introduced in the first place? I yield the rest of my part of the question to Peter Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Okay. Senator DeCamp, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the bill does two things that existing law does not do. Okay. All right, number one, it encourages police officers to disperse before arresting, and that is good. Secondly, it creates a defense that did not exist in the law before which is contained in Section 3, Senator DeCamp. It creates a defense that if a police officer does not properly identify himself, why then any subsequent dispersal order is null and void. So it adds two things to the law that I think are reasonably decent, and the most important thing is that it encourages officers to disperse rather than immediately arresting people.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I see. Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL:fairly tolerant today, but would everybody please clear the aisles so that we can proceed with the business. Senator Haberman, you have had your light on, do you have....do you wish to be recognized on the kill motion?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will move the previous question, Mr. President.

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