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PRESIDENT: That is all the new bills we have at this point. The Chair would recognize Senator Nichol. Senator Nichol, did you ask for a point of personal privilege? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol for a point of personal privilege. State your point.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, as I understand, the point of personal privilege is only allowed when it attacks the dignity or indignity of the members of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: That is one of the reasons.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. I notice in one of the newspapers today that they are still attempting to divide us into "Old Guard" and "New Guard" and I resent being put into one of the "Guards" and I notice that all of the ages are put there and apparently that must be relevant to some degree but I fail to understand how it is relevant because some of us "oldies" are in the "Old Guard" and some who are older than I are in the "New Guard". So I don't know why the ages needed to be put there but as far as I am personally concerned I was never invited to be a member of the "Old Guard" nor was I invited to be a member of the "Old Guard". (sic) I was anxiously awaiting an invitation to be a member of one or the other but apparently I wouldn't fit into either class but I see I am put into the "Old Guard", whatever that means. Now I notice there is a line down the middle and if it would be possible I prefer to have been a "Middle Guard" and I think a "Middle Guard" is usually considered to be a pretty tough cookie to handle. I've never been one and I don't like physical abuse but I think it is ridiculous to say the least seriously about such an article attempting to divide the Legislature. It can't be Democrat or Republican. It can't be conservative or liberal because I notice people on both sides don't fit either one but I didn't think it was very good taste to continue after chairmen have been selected and now I understand we are supposed to be a Unicameral, not necessarily guided or dictated to by a political party or anyone else. So as far as I am personally concerned, I don't want to be connected with either one of those "guards". Maybe they should have a "Right Guard" in there since some of us are more conservative than liberal but I was glad to see one thing in the article and that was that Steve Fowler and I are finally together. Now he has been attacked in the past, and really, I kind of like Steve and I hope he likes me a little but, Steve, welcome to the fold and I am glad we are finally on the same side. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.