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PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. Senator DeCamp. Senator Haberman is next. Haberman. We are now...the issue on the floor is the motion to refer it back to the Rules Committee. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on this motion? The issue is the Lamb proposal to refer.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, personally I take Senator Beutler's proposed rules changes as a personal affront. He says, "A member of the Legislature shall conduct himself or herself at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the Legislature." I do not know, in all of my six years here, that I have not done that. If he wants to impose upon us the rules of Congress, Senator Beutler, run for Congress. The last paragraph is the one you should be careful of. That is where the hooker is. "Any violations of the Code of Official Conduct shall be under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules of the Legislature, which committee shall have authority after notice and a public hearing to prescribe and publish such regulations as its members believe are necessary to implement the Code of Official Conduct. Such regulation shall be approved by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council." Well, now how about that? We don't even get to vote on it. It is going to be the Executive Board Council, and who is the Chairman of that? I don't like any of this. I don't think there is anybody in here that is violating these rules to the extent that we should have these rules. My conscience is clear and if there is anybody here whose conscience isn't clear, let them stand up and be heard. This body has operated for years and years and years without this kind of stuff and I think it can keep on doing it. That is my opinion. I wanted the Rules Committee to hear it. I wanted Senator Beutler to hear it and I will support sending it to the Rules Committee to see what they do with it, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The issue before the House is the proposal to return the matter to the Rules Committee. Senator DeCamp. Is Senator DeCamp around? Pass over him. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask Senator Beutler if he would yield to a couple of questions. Senator Beutler, when you speak of free meals,