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Legislature and, Ernie, you shut up, and then I will say, make me. Then we have got a problem which we can avoid by our just realizing that we are all adults and we are going to do as adults feel big enough to do. If you talk about not accepting payoffs for your vote, not hiring relatives, and things that are related to the proper functioning or structuring of the Legislature, that is an issue that people can have different opinions on and I don't even really care about that one way or the other. But on this other talk about somebody punishing me, I swell up at that because I am a member of the only group of people in this country who were allowed, by the law, to be punished physically by other human beings. A grown black man could be whipped by a white person and if the black man defended himself, it was against the law for him to defend himself but not to be whipped. Those days are gone forever and you do not see in me a pussyfooting, whining coward as a lot of the people on this floor may be.

PRESIDENT: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you can pass this rule if you put a proviso that it exempts Senator Ernie Chambers.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. Chairman, I would just rise to support the motion to refer the proposed rule change to the Rules Committee, which, is that correct? That is the motion before us?

PRESIDENT: That is the correct motion.

SENATOR WARNER: I think that is appropriate. Obviously, there is a variety of point of views. I do think it is not inappropriate to give some thought in the Rules Committee about reimbursement for meals. As I understand it, I am supposed to get \$25 a day for my expenses now. And some of you get different amounts, but in any event, I think it is a subject matter that the Rules Committee ought to deal with and I would support that proposal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have just reread this section 12, "Any violations of the Code of