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PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. I will hold your name. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to call to your attention that if you adopt all or any part of this, then when you get down to Section 11 and 12 and if you don't adopt 11 and 12, what we do adopt means nothing. If you adopt 11 and 12, you are getting yourself in a hole that you are not going to be able to dig out of because you are giving powers to the committee on the rules and the Speaker and the Chairperson that I believe are wrong. You are also giving them permission, the Rules Committee, to prescribe and publish such regulations as its members believe are necessary. Well, now, don't forget what happens when you do that with state government. It can change anything and everything with rules and regulations and it says such regulations shall be approved by the Executive Board. That takes it completely away from the members of this body. I feel that this whole thing, in my opinion, questions my integrity and the integrity of this body because I haven't had no criticism. As far as the rating is concerned, sure, they read the big headlines about lobbyists buying meals and maybe the criticism is coming from the number of bills, but you will see that this body is more criticized during hard times than during good times because people have to strike out. Now, Senator Beutler mentioned in the Constitution it says about judges conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. Okay, let me tell you what happened here about a month or six weeks ago. A judge told an attorney, don't you ever appear in this courtroom again in front of me because I'm not going to listen to you. And he turned around and walked out the back door. And this judge said that that attorney is not qualified to practice law in my courtroom. Ha, it's all a matter of record. I wrote the Chief Justice and I asked him to investigate this, first of all the conduct of the judge and if the attorney was not performing to what he is supposed to according to their little rules and regulations, do something about it. And he didn't have the courtesy to answer my letter. So Senator Beutler is telling and reading to us we are doing this to the judges and we should do it to the Legislature. Well, they are not doing anything about it. So my point is this, by breaking this down 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, take each one separate, you are going to get yourself in a box. I have