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they don't start identifying, we have got to correct this problem, this problem, this problem, this problem. Okay, take item number two. A member of the Legislature shall adhere to the spirit and the letter of the rules of the Legislature and to the rules of duly constituted committees thereof, the spirit and the letter of the rules. How do I wipe somebody out? Very simple. With this new system and a system where "a Rules Committee"...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...which essentially is new members of the Legislature traditionally, I simply file a complaint against my worst enemy in here. I say, Schmit is doing this or that and reflecting badly on the Legislature because he plays the slot machines. Rex has to be thrown out because he sends postcards. Ernie has to be thrown out because he makes outrageous statements at the University about what should be happening to white South Africans. Everybody would have something that somebody could file the complaint, start the hearing process and put them under the gun and that is what always traditionally happens. They don't solve the good they're intended, but they do create the mischief. And DeCamp, why he needs to be thrown out just on general principle. My point is this code of conduct is not necessary.

PRESIDENT: Five seconds.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is a campaign year gimmick and if you really believe it is absolutely necessary, then let's be specific, specific enough so that the people it is intended to get at least know what is prohibited, specifically prohibited.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR DECAMP: When you start talking strictly about the spirit and the letter and the attitude and this and that and then you can have hearings and punish people under it, you are playing with fire. I urge you just to put it to rest.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the