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SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President, members of the body, this is an issue which came about last year when we discovered that in our rules we have a silence as to whether the motion to recess is debatable or is not debatable. This proposed rule change would clarify that and indicate that a motion to recess, like a motion to adjourn, is not debatable. It can be addressed by the person presiding in the Chair, the President or the Speaker or some other member of the body, but it is not debatable by the general membership. This would conform to the way a motion to adjourn stands right now. This proposed rule change, as I indicate, says that a motion to recess is not debatable just like a motion to adjourn. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. Senator Higgins, do you wish to speak on the issue?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, Mr. Chairman, I want to speak on a personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Very good, I forgot. Senator Higgins, do you want to make your point of personal privilege now while there are these many members here?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you have any objection, Senator Morehead? Thank you. I merely wanted to point out to all the members of the Legislature, since all of you do not receive our local daily in Omaha, that one of the members of our Legislature was made Man of the Year by the Omaha World Herald, Senator Gerald Warner, and I would like to commend him and I think the Legislature, after the debate we had this morning on the ethics of this Legislature, thank God we've got a man like Senator Jerry Warner that the World Herald tells us is a great man and is well respected in this Legislature and I hope that that respect for Senator Warner wears off on the rest of us.

(applause)

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You may rise to deny the whole thing, Senator Warner, if you wish. Back to our issue of the proposed rule change. The Chair recognizes Senator...do you wish to say anything further, Senator Morehead, on this?