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relates to Rule 7, Section 5, clarifying a procedure for the house being under call. It is on page 145 of your Journal and it is being offered by the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes...Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak to this point?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the body, a question of Senator Morehead, please.

PRESIDENT: She is available.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Morehead, I'd like to clarify for the record.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: We were...I was closing...it wasn't open for discussion.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I had my light on and I was told to wait.

PRESIDENT: I did not recognize you to close, Senator.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Oh. Well...that permanent rule has not been adopted, so I'm out of place on that rule, excuse me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This is just clarification, Senator Morehead, I'm not going to pick on your rule. Example, a senator goes out of the state on a trip and he or his staff neglects to notify the Clerk's Office that he will be gone and gets excused. Then we have the senator who...what happens in that case?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: My interpretation in that particular case, if the senator and his staff have neglected to have him excused, he would still fall under the section which would then allow him to be sought out.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Question for the record. I'm in my office and I hear the Clerk make the announcement for a vote for the house to go under call and I do not want to come up under call so I just call the Clerk and ask to be excused. That will be perfectly legal?