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PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, how do you want him to handle this?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: It was my desire to pass over the issue and bring it up when it falls in its proper place in line in an effort to have the people work out the amendments or their concerns rather than take the total body's time discussing it at this time, but bring it back later, if there was no objection, but there is apparently objection.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to proceed, Senator? All right, without a formal withdrawal then of the whole thing we'll have to proceed. Senator Haberman, was ahead of you, Senator Chambers. Senator Haberman, do you wish to...? I assume he had his point. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it was so important, this issue, that I was summoned and there was some important things I was working on, but knowing that the house was under call, here I came trucking down here and I'm glad that I did because I need to clarify something. If you will read the existing language in the rule, it says, the call may be suspended at any time by a majority vote of the members then present. So, if those who are present, if a majority of them want to raise the call that can be done at any point, at any point. As soon as the Chair declares the house under call a motion can be made to raise the call and, if a majority vote to raise the call, it's raised and nobody can be summoned from anywhere and that brings me to a discussion of what Senator Labedz brought up. I did not place the house under call on that occasion long ago. It may have been Senator Warner, but their side wanted some people to come here who would vote the way they wanted them to vote so they placed the house under call. We sat here for a good while and when it became clear to me that they're waiting for some airplanes to land that had been delayed, I made a motion to raise the call. They had the majority so they refused to vote to raise the call. So then I said, if you're going to invoke the rule and keep the house under call, I want the entire rule invoked and I want everybody who is not here to be brought here. So Jack Mills was giving a speech way out on the other side of Nebraska in between here and there. There was ice-covered highway because it was sleeting. There was an elderly gentleman who was crusty and crotchety anyway,