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named Moylan, who was even more so when they roused him out of bed and brought him over here muttering and sputtering under his breath. I think Senator Marsh was up in Boston and they were trying to make arrangements to get out of here to go find her, collar her and drag her screaming and kicking back to this Legislature and people became irritated. But what I told them, and I mock at those times and I scoff at the people who built a net that catches them. I said, you all are the ones who want to keep the house under call, so I'm using the same rule that you were using. And under this rule, if you want to keep the house under call, I want everybody brought back here. You know how they could have done away with all of that? Simply voted to raise the call. So when you have one situation in mind and you're going to change a rule to deal with that one situation, you ought to think a long time because the rule itself contains a remedy. But if a majority is insistent upon keeping the house under call, and remember, to get the house under call it just takes a majority of those who are voting. There could be 18 people here and that's all that is left. But there is some business they feel needs to be transacted and you can't conduct any legislative business that is binding with 18 votes, so you put the house under call. The only way you can function is to summon at least enough people here to make 25 to give you a chance. That's what the purpose of having a call of the house is anyway, to get enough people here to do business once you've been lawfully convened and people disappear. The only other alternative is to vote to adjourn. So I don't think deep thought was given to this issue. I don't think serious enough consideration was given as to why there is even an allowance to bring the house under call and what purpose that serves. So maybe what you want to do is gut the rule and make it meaningless by saying that there will be no such thing as placing the house under call. If you can place the house under call, you must have the power to bring people here. And I think Senator Withem pointed out where, if a person is excused...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...they don't have to pay the cost of their coming back. If they're not excused, they pay their own cost. So it's clear that what I did was contemplated and the rule allowed it. If you don't want people brought back when the house is under call, then it shouldn't matter