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has a little different philosophy on that. So you can look at both of them. I feel that this is certainly your decision as a whole group. I have no personal, strong feeling one way or the other about this. I think that this is a matter that really is a collective decision about how you feel in compelling the return of a member to this body, whether it be at their expense or the state's expense, that you will have to address and maybe you want to amend that. But your two options are as Senator Withem has proposed, and then my proposal which follows, or the third then I guess really is to leave things as they are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Is this for closing, or are there other lights on?

PRESIDENT: There are other lights. Do you want to skip over this?

SENATOR WITHEM: I think there are just two or three points I would like to make at this point that came up that I think need clarification. First of all, in the meantime, Lieutenant Governor, regarding the sound system, I invited in a high-powered sound consultant who provided me with an excellent piece of technological adjustment to my sound system that doesn't work either, so we are going to have...

PRESIDENT: Is that called a mute?

SENATOR WITHEM: ...problems with it. It's called a Styrofoam cup, I think. Senator Conway provided it for me and it doesn't work either. Just two or three things that were brought up in the debate I think need clarified. First of all Senator Haberman has taken after this rule change based on some language that is currently in the rules, has been in the rules for any number of years and really hasn't caused us any problems even back when the members were summoned. I don't think that there was any great, grave debate over whether they were properly excused or not properly excused, although I guess that brings up another question that I have and that is what constitutes an excuse. It indicates the Legislature, the Speaker or the committee chair may excuse an individual. But what happens if I want to challenge Senator Nichol's ruling that Senator Smith was properly excused? Currently all we have to do is stop by,