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nod to Pat on the way out, he marks us down as excused and we are gone. Maybe that needs to be clarified also, I'm not sure. The other point Senator Higgins brought up about the fact that she was clear out of the country during the special session, I think in the past when members have been summoned or when members have threatened to have been summoned these distinctions have been made. The body, keep in mind, is a fairly rational group of people and we've made those distinctions. During the time of the debate we spoke about when Senator Labeledz was summoned and when Senator Kremer was summoned and Senator Mills and Dworak was summoned, I believe we did have another senator who was attending a conference on the east coast. That particular senator was not summoned because it wasn't reasonable. Just this last special session when I mentioned that I was potentially to be summoned, because I was at this important business meeting in Omaha and trying to juggle my time here, and they said, Ron, we may invoke this rule and come and get you, one of my good friends, colleagues, sitting under the balcony over there, Senator Vickers was also absent. Senator Vickers happened to be at a conference in New Orleans. It was not decided that we will invoke this rule uniformly and make everybody sit here while he drives back from New Orleans. They said, Ron, we can go get you, you are not that far away; we can wait till you get here. It is not reasonable to go get Senator Vickers, so it was decided that we weren't going to do that. So I don't think these mechanical problems are a difficulty. The problem is a philosophical one. Senator Morehead says we, as the body, should not have that right to compel membership by a member. I think in extraordinary circumstances that the important work of the public that sends us down here to deal with these critical issues, we were elected to do that, we should be here. I believe our existing rules, if you read them, if you read this Section 4...Rule 2, Section 4 in its entirety, is meant to convey that, that we, the Legislature, expect our colleagues to attend and to attend to the business of the Legislature when it is in session. We will excuse members, but on those occasions when we think that the public good is served better by their being here, we have that power to summon them. What my resolution...what my change does, it clarifies that we continue to have that power. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.