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PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak to the Higgins amendment? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members, this isn't one of those where Senator Higgins and I have met under the balcony and worked out some sort of agreement by any means. But she just mentioned she had done this and then gave the speech and would like to say I think what she is suggesting is reasonable in those circumstances where we, as the body, say for our purposes this member should be here. I guess I agree with something that Senator Haberman said before, which is a first for me on the floor I guess, that, yes, we shouldn't get into quibbling whether a member's attendance is legitimately excused or nonlegitimately excused. If we decide we want them here, it ought to be part of our expenses to bring them back. In most cases again I think it will not be summoning people from Boston, or New Orleans, or from across the...in another continent, it will be people that are in Omaha, or those people that are giving speeches at the Rotary Club in Lincoln, or those who may be furthest away, Grand Island maybe. For that reason I think she's got a reasonable proposal and I plan on supporting it. One question of the Chair. Is this construed as an amendment to an amendment and therefore a majority of those voting, or is it a...

PRESIDENT: Everything takes 25 votes because we are under temporary rules. We are discussing the Higgins amendment to your amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the point?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I guess I'd like to ask a question of Senator Higgins, if she would yield, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins, would you answer some questions?

SENATOR HIGGINS: If it is easy.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Higgins, as I understand it you