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looking for Senators Goodrich and Harris, Mr. Sergeant. Members might refer to page 213 of your Journal because the proposals under which we are discussing are basically on that page. Senator Higgins has proposed an amendment to Senator Withem's proposal. Senators Goodrich and Harris. Senators Goodrich and Harris, we are waiting for you in the Legislative...oh, here we are. Thank you, Senator Harris. Senator Goodrich, we are waiting for you. The house is under call. Go ahead, Senator. Okay, we will proceed. Will the Clerk read the Higgins amendment to the Withem proposal.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Higgins has moved to amend Senator Withem's proposal. Senator Withem's amendment is on page 213. Senator Higgins would move to amend that by striking the language which says "at the expense of such absent member."

PRESIDENT: All right, we're ready for a vote on the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote on the Higgins proposal. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 9 nays on adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Now we're back to the Withem proposal. Senator Withem. The call of the house is raised. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, just very quickly, we'll be voting on this very quickly so if people could stick around it would be appreciated. One of my colleagues came up and told me they would be more willing to support this if it said we could pay to have some members sent away from the Legislature as opposed to brought back, but that's not what it says, obviously. The only thing I'd like to say in closing is that I think what we're going through right now, for those of you concerned about frivolous use of this rule, frivolous application of it, I think what we're going through right now, what's the uppermost on...

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, if this is considered to be your closing, I have one ahead of you.

SENATOR WITHEM: Oh, you do? I apologize. My light was not