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SENATOR HANNIBAL: Now it's raised, okay. So, what I'm offering is what I think probably would be the proper way to make this decision, that is, the majority of the Legislature present will make the decision. They must vote to make the decision as to whether we're going to compel the presence of those that are outside this room. I would like you to support that amendment. If, however, you feel that you would rather go with the way it is now, the way it is now, right now, implied anyway, is that the presiding officer, presumably the Speaker or the Lieutenant Governor, but it could be any presiding officer, now has that ability and has that sole ability to make that determination. So whichever way you think is best, we really ought to get it in the rules. We ought to make it clarified because there is nothing in the rules that says anything about it right now. It is an implied rule and I think we ought to get it changed. So I'm offering a majority of those in the room present make the decision to compel a person's presence back and I would solicit your support.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to address the point?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, just that I support the rule change, but there is no need to get into a big discussion if Senator Chambers is going to amend it.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Hannibal's motion by striking the Hannibal motion and inserting, "To compel such presence shall require a request by any member."

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not opposed at all to what Senator Hannibal is trying to do in terms of making it crystal clear how this compelling of attendance is to occur, and I don't think it should be up to the presiding officer to make that