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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there was one occasion when I had been re-elected and I didn't want to serve on a committee for the reason that is being discussed now, and somebody asked one of the Supreme Court justices and he stated that there would be no problem with somebody who had been a senator and was re-elected participating in the official activities of the Legislature prior to the swearing in.

PRESIDENT: Hold on. Senator Cavanaugh. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I would just recommend the Chair has ruled I think that we could move on. We're temporarily organized, everyone here is accepted into the body, we have to perform an official capacity, I think it is wise policy that a newly elected member not serve on the Credentials Committee, but I don't see any impediment to their voting for the members of the Credentials Committee and I think we just ought to proceed as the Chair has ruled.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Now Senator Duis back to you again.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I didn't bring this up as a point of embarrassment or anything to anybody, I merely brought it up for the fact that I believe that those people, least some of them, who have been nominated and are either newly elected or old ones who have been re-elected who would prefer not to certify to their own election, and I think it would be merely courtesy to give them the opportunity of not certifying to their own election.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marsh for what purpose do you, did you want to be recognized? Thank you. Alright, then the Chair is going to rule that those names of senators who were members of this body and have been re-elected are not eligible to serve at this time on the Committee on Credentials. That would eliminate Senator Kremer at this time. Now then the Chair wants, excuse me, the floor is once again open for nominations. The Chair recognizes Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, I am also in that category so that would eliminate me.

PRESIDENT: Thank you sir. Senator Hasebroock's name will be removed. Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, Mr. President, members of the Legislature I think Senator Lewis would also be there and once that's done we're down to five and we don't have to vote any more.

PRESIDENT: Standby. Thank you. Alright, let's try Senator Richard Lewis for. Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well Mr. President I'm going to object to that procedure. I'm, I feel that I'm a member of this Legislature until I am replaced by someone else. I'm continuing a term here and I'm going to object to this procedure. I insist that I be seated or left as a member of the membership nominated.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Alright, in essence the Chair has been challenged on my ruling regarding the membership on the committee, so that's the issue before the body at this time, is a challenge of the Chair. Now, Senator Chambers for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President if there is no objection from the floor so that we can move, couldn't you just change