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voting on now.

PRESIDENT: We are voting, shall the Chair be sustained in Senator Chamber's challenge of the Chair's ruling.

SENATOR DICKINSON: The Chair's ruling on what, sir?

PRESIDENT: On Senator Syas being out of order.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I think we have a right to an explanation as to why you ruled him out of order and why he thinks he was not out of order before we can vote whether or not to sustain the Chair. That would be my opinion. I don't know what happened down there at all. If you will explain what took place...

PRESIDENT: All right. If you will ask the Chair to, there was a motion to cease debate and that carried and Senator Syas arose and I asked him for what purpose? He said that he didn't get a chance to talk and so forth and he thought it was an unfair situation and I said that it may have been unfair but it was successful and he challenged the Chair. Oh no, I didn't hear a challenge. Senator Chambers said that there was a challenge. We went through that matter. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does James still have the floor?

PRESIDENT: No, I responded to your question.

SENATOR DICKINSON: No, I still have a question, sir, if I may to you.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Are you telling us, Mr. President, pardon?

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson has the floor. Senator Dickinson has the floor.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, are you telling us then, to the best of your knowledge and I know it is confusing up there, that the motion to cease debate came from a person whose light was on before Senator Syas' light was on? We have got to know how it is.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: All right. That answers my question, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is, the sustaining of the Chair on the matter...Senator Syas, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SYAS: To ask the Chair a question. Now if we vote read, do we get to debate the bill?

PRESIDENT: No. That was successful. The vote to cease debate was successful.