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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes sir.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Did or did not the Chair rule the other day that the person who made the Call was the only person who could raise the Call?

PRESIDENT: No, that's a point of historical interest, not a point of order. I haven't put that to a vote yet, Senator Lewis. I'm doing my best because I think, as a matter of justice, you have a right to it. I can't hold it off forever. I've got to put this to a vote.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Chair instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring the members ...

PRESIDENT: I've been doing it.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll patiently wait a couple three minutes then I'll move to raise it myself.

PRESIDENT: Well if your troops are in line you can defeat the motion to raise the Call for that matter. I'm afraid the rules do provide that I have to put it to a vote. You have made that motion, Senator Dickinson? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: Yes, state your point.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Does the Chair's last remark state the position of the Chair that the Chair is never bound by previous rulings?

PRESIDENT: The Chair is only bound by the rules of this Legislature.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: And can change the rules at will.

PRESIDENT: No, the Chair makes mistakes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Alright.

PRESIDENT: And has many time. Not all of us are as blessed as you are Senator Cavanaugh. Alright. The ques ... Senator Dickinson has asked that we vote on raising the Call. That is the question, shall the Call be raised. Record.

CLERK: Senator Swigart voting aye on the original motion.

PRESIDENT: Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 20 nays.

PRESIDENT: The Call is not raised. Please keep your chairs. I've got a couple of tigers after me out there. Well Senator Shirley Marsh was excused to make a phone call. Senator Chambers was excused until 4:30. What else do we have Mr. Clerk. Senator George just walked in the chamber. We called into his office, Senator Syas.