

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well I guess I never considered it as a rule change, Senator DeCamp, any more than perhaps a water commission would be a rule change necessarily. It seems to me about the same kind of thing.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I guess I would think it was a rule change. I just raised that as a point of order.

PRESIDENT: Well the matter before the Legislature is the adoption of a resolution unless somebody wants to make a counter.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Well, I have an absolute question then. Wouldn't you rather have this as a rule change?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I guess the answer is no. I don't see that it requires that kind of an analysis and research.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Oh, to change the whole system where the Chief Justice comes and gives a formal address to the Legislature and everything. Okay. I would make it a point of order. I think it is clearly a rule change and I think Chris wants it that way.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is going to suggest that you may invite people to this Legislature. Your own Rule 2, Section 3 (c) says the Governor, state officers, former legislators and other distinguished visitors may be admitted to the floor upon permission from the Chair. So anytime you invite a distinguished visitor, with your permission, it may be granted and I don't know whether this is...I thought this was just an invitation is what it was at this point.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Then I ask unanimous consent to invite the Chief Justice to speak before us whenever he wants, to give an address of a time appropriate to him. Does anybody object?

PRESIDENT: Of course, that is exactly what this resolution does or is intended to do. Senator Beutler, do you want to close on the resolution then?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I guess I would just say in closing that this wasn't intended to give the Judiciary one additional lobbying effort. I don't think it will be used in that manner. I think it is extremely valuable to us as a group to speak directly or to hear directly from the Chief Justice. I don't think that many of us in here hear directly from him during the legislative year. I didn't hear from him last year. I think it is valuable to get the overall picture and