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PRESIDENT: Will you respond, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I will respond as best I can, which I am afraid is very little. It hasn't been done in the last few years to my knowledge. Whether it has ever been done in our history before I am not aware.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Beutler resolution? The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the Judiciary, including the Supreme Court Justice, are interested in laws and sometime I think the Judiciary runs this state and makes more laws than the Legislature and I wonder what the purpose really is. Whenever there is a bill in front of any committee, including Judiciary, the Supreme Court is welcome to come and very often do come and they let us know their wants. I would think that this might be an extra chance to lobby the Legislature. Is this what you have in mind, Senator Beutler? I still don't see the need for it. Maybe there is a dire need that the Judiciary isn't getting their share of the pie or getting the message across to the Legislature. Maybe that is what the problem is. I don't know. Would you care to respond to that, Senator Beutler?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, will you respond.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Beutler, I think it is a super idea and I support the concept and my only question to you as an attorney is, are we jeopardizing in any way the balance of powers between the judicial, legislative and executive branch? I know that is a fine line and I have no idea.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In my opinion, I don't think we are jeopardizing anything at all, no more than we would be jeopardizing the line between the executive branch and the Legislature by having the Governor come in and....

SENATOR DWORAK: I have one other question now. The President of the United States comes before Congress for a State of the Union message. Does the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court make a similar address to the Congress of the United States?

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