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PRESIDENT: I appreciate the remarks of the Senator but obviously if the Governor wants to come on the floor, this Chair is going to allow him to come on the floor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did he seek and obtain such permission, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT: He just nodded to me when he came in. He never does that because he doesn't want to disturb the workings of this Legislature so he doesn't make a big show of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well has he sought permission from the Chair today?

PRESIDENT: No, but if you want him to do so I just told you what my answer is going to be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am not worried about what your answer will be, Mr. Chairman, because if he asks me perhaps I would agree too but if we have a rule that is going to be applied to citizens, he is a citizen, I think the record should show that he sought and obtained permission.

PRESIDENT: Well I will let the record so show. Let's not get into an argument over this. Senator Venditte, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR VENDITTE: I, for one, welcome the Governor to the Legislature and wish that he would come back more often.

PRESIDENT: Well I am sure that a lot of people do so, thank you, and I think that ends the discussion and we will just... Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, just to end the discussion, one time we did this with Exon and they voted not to do it and I tried to defend his right to be on the floor at all times and I said you could do what you wanted to. You could boo, you could applaud or you could trip him as he went down the aisle. That was in support of him and I got a letter from a lady saying, "How dare you treat the Governor that way." So don't try to support or not support any of these kind of things. You are just going to get in trouble.

PRESIDENT: I thank you for that comment. I thing this Legislature with the few hours you have left better proceed with the work and, Senator Newell, I believe you were speaking.