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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Legislature will be in recess for about five minutes, at ease, whatever the word is.

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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers. If the Legislature would come to order we will try to proceed. The Chair is going to make a ruling and then you can determine, Senator Chambers, what you would like to do with that ruling. The Chair rules that, and we are referring now to Section 2, Rule 2, the Chair rules that Senator DeCamp was in order to suspend the rules and, therefore, was allowed his motion in effect in suspending the rules was in order.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, then so I might understand what we have done here and will know in the future, if I vote on the losing side of a bill, although with the rules in place I would not be in a position to move to reconsider. I could move to suspend the rule to reconsider as many times as I want to.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, I'm not going to hide from you but I'm not going to argue formally with you. I will be glad to talk with you otherwise. Your position now is that if you wish you can overrule the Chair and then you and I can discuss the other matter some other time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But for the record then let me see if I can narrow the question to deal with the issue that is precisely before us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, I'm sorry but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think what I did by allowing discussion was to put the Chair in a vulnerable position that it didn't have to be in. I have done this two or three times. Now...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now what I am saying in effect is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You said it. I understand what you said. Then I will make my comment based on what you said. Members of the Legislature, apparently Rule 2, Section 2 is allowed by its operation and its operation alone to suspend the provisions of other rules. Rule 2, Section 2 can be invoked by any member of the Legislature at any time on any issue to