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Rikli is the teacher and they are in the North balcony. Would you welcome them please. Senator Haberman, you are next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question, Mr. President, of the President. Will this go to the new Rules Committee consisting of Wesely, Beutler, Kahle, Newell and Sieck or will it go to the old Rules Committee? There is no old Rules Committee? Okay, that is fine. I think it is a little presumptuous for everybody to stand up here and say the only reason everybody voted against that was because of the limitation or unlimitation on rules. Maybe some people have some other ideas why they should vote against it. That is one thing I think is wrong in all this debate. Senator DeCamp, my wife is half Bohemian and I am half Bohemian and we are stubborn, so I guess that will take care of the compromise that you married. I am going to have to say that I am going to support the motion to send it back to the committee as when I have my radio program tomorrow and it is a live program somebody is going to call in and say, what is the fight about and how come you did not approve the rules? Then how could I explain to them that some of the rules went through the Rules Committee and some of the rules did not go through the Rules Committee and I am going to have to explain it in my words as to what happened and they are not going to get a better image than the poor image they have now, so, Senator Maresh, I support your motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, like you are impatient, terribly impatient. I would like to raise a self-imposed silence for the past several days at this point hoping, I've been hoping, that this matter could be resolved in a day, two days at the outside. I am reminded of something that Daniel Webster said a hundred and fifty years ago. It went something like this. Now is the time that women weep by the fireside and men work quietly in the fields, for the Legislature is in session and no man's property is safe. Let me paraphrase that. Now is the time that women laugh and men are quiet about the antics of their elected representatives in the state capitol. I think it is ridiculous that this has come to this point, absolutely ridiculous. We are debating rules which in some case were never even given a chance to be enforced. We have instituted changes which could very well be devastating this year. If they are,