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PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: And I know that everyone is supposed to be in the Chamber.

PRESIDENT: That's right.

SENATOR NEWELL: And I know that it might be beneficial if we could make sure that everyone is at their seats and in the Chamber before I close so that they can have the benefit of my arguments...(interruption).

PRESIDENT: I appreciate your bringing it to my attention and as I mentioned earlier we are on Final Reading and it might be a good point at this time to make sure that everybody is here. Why don't you just report in by pushing your presence. All those present, show your presence and we will see, make sure so we can get everybody here before you close. I might explain to those in the audience, in the galleries, that although we are on Final Reading a motion to return permits debate even though we are on Final Reading which seems inconsistent. So we do undergo debate which means everyone still is supposed to be at their desks. Would everyone please show your presence by pushing that green button and letting us know you are there. Only two are excused. Sergeant at Arms, will you see that everyone is at their desks? Senator Sleck, do you want to show us you are there? Senator Vard Johnson, would you push that little button? Thank you. Senator Fitzgerald, are you amongst us? Fitz, are you amongst us? We would like to have your green light on. Senator Haberman, Senator Chambers, Senator Hoagland, did you say, and Senator Fitzgerald. The Sergeant at Arms will please bring in Senator Fitzgerald if you can find him. Senator Fitzgerald, for what purpose do you rise? You are here.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I am speaking to a point to the effect that I have been sitting here all the time on the Final Reading. This is a waste of time. If all the Senators abide the rules we would not have to hunt up every...(interruption).

PRESIDENT: If everybody abided by the rules, I would agree with you but they don't.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: I don't think I should be pressing the green button when I have been abiding by all the rules as I see fit.

PRESIDENT: Well, don't push it then, that's all right.