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SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, my green light works sometimes but my red light doesn't work at all and I would like to vote in this regard, red, but I push the button and she don't register red.

PRESIDENT: Well on this particular bill, if you don't vote at all it is the same thing as voting red so we will understand the compassion in your heart.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is this overruling the Chair?

PRESIDENT: Yes, and you vote green you will overrule the Chair.

SENATOR NEWELL: Now, Mr. President, only for you I ask this question.

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: Once when I read the rules the rules said it takes a majority of those present.

PRESIDENT: Of those present--there are forty-nine present so it takes twenty-five.

SENATOR NEWELL: I see.

PRESIDENT: Forty-eight, excuse me. It is forty-eight present. So it takes twenty-five.

SENATOR NEWELL: So in other words it applies...(interruption.)

PRESIDENT: Are you filibustering?

SENATOR NEWELL: ...if I don't, if I don't vote...I would like to have a red light. It would be helpful if I had a red light. How did it get up there?

PRESIDENT: It is very red up here on the board, your light. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, it is my bill.

PRESIDENT: It is your bill so I recognize you, whatever you want to do.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cullan was a gentleman about this and came to see me about this amendment and I said it was okay as long as he didn't run into a snag. I think we have run into a snag and I would request respectfully that Senator Cullan withdraw his amendment.