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I can't see your reasoning of why a Senator can't say, had I been present I would have voted thus and thus. There is nothing wrong with this. I think your rule is wrong and I oppose it. I think it should be clarified a little more. Because if that is what it says, I don't like it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay....

SENATOR HABERMAN: Were you going to explain, Senator Wesely, what you meant when you said, in the building or out in the rotunda or....?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to answer the question?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would be glad to, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Haberman, what this says is if you want to go and talk to some constituents, if you just walk up to the Clerk and say, could I be excused for a minute, he will put you down as excused, you leave, and if there does happen to be a vote you are more than welcome to put in the Journal how you would have voted. But if you are sitting right there and a vote is taken and you walk up there and put in the Journal how you would have voted, that doesn't seem quite right to me and that is what we are trying to stop. So it still allows you to go meet with your people and to get excused to do that, no problem, and you can still put it in the Journal. But you just can't be sitting there and not get excused and then put it in the Journal how you would have voted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to be heard?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, Mr. President, just to help out my good friend, Rex. You see, Rex, before you can understand these rules, you have got to understand what is behind the rules, at least the last several years. What the rules function is any more, and we spend five to six days, what... at the beginning of the session and during the session certain members of the body identify other members of the body things they dislike or ways the other members of the body seem to win, and so they spend all summer scurrying around devising new rules and obstacles to make these other guys over. Now this particular one is the Haberman rule. Now the previous couple were DeCamp rules and we've got a lot more DeCamp ones coming. We have got a Landis one here a little later to keep Davey from doing certain things, and, of course, then there is the rule that keeps somebody from