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There are others of us and there are some, I am sure, that the public would rather see and hear from than the Governor. Since he called it, since he opened the show and since auditions are not necessary because we are all parts of the cast already, for myself, my ego will not allow me to play merely a supporting role and I know they give Oscars for the best supporting actor, the best supporting actress and so forth. But sometimes you don't want to just be the deputy. You want to be the sheriff. So since the Governor has taken upon himself to create the set of circumstances that we are in, I think it ought to be wide open. Special, the word "special" does mean something out of the ordinary, something which is different or unusual but there is one thing which is not unusual about the convening of the Legislature. Once we are in place we are a Legislature authorized to do all things that a Legislature is authorized under the Constitution to do and I am not in favor of adopting a rule which would impinge on the rights and prerogatives of any member of the Legislature. If there are people in this body who have issues they would like to have discussed but for whatever reason are afraid to raise those issues, let those people remain silent as they do during the regular session. But there are others of us who are going to kick and struggle and cry out until our voices are heard. In the legislative forum the best way to have your voice heard legislatively is by introduction of a bill or a consideration of a bill and I will be very frank with you. I gave you a handout this morning and I am wearing a shirt which for those who are extremely perceptive, who have minds like steel traps, may have an idea of what I have in mind to bring up for our consideration. I have said all that to say this about that. I am opposed to this proposed rule change and I will vote against it and I hope the rest of you will do the same. The reason I say it, you should never cut off all of your options at the first hour. We don't know what might arise between now and the time that we get out of here. Without this rule change every issue can be considered individually on its merits without first going through a motion to suspend this rule which, if you adopt, will have to be done. So in the interest of saving time we ought to leave the rules as they are with reference to the particular issue of what we will consider and then whatever any member or group of members would try to bring before us we can handle it, not only in a deliberative fashion, but expeditiously at the time that it is before us.

PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Vickers and Hoagland would