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SENATOR WITHEM: Could I respond to that?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Senator Lamb, I am sorry. I guess I misinterpreted the thrust of your initial question. My rule change does not make any distinction about that. I think you raised a good point, and I was going to say, if you wanted to offer the amendment to this change, I would have absolutely no problem with accepting that.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I will offer that amendment if I can get some help in drafting it from the Clerk.

PRESIDENT: We will be at ease for a few moments.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, Senator Lamb would move to amend the proposed amendment, within Rule 2, Section 3(c), add the following language after the word "chambers" so that it would read as follows: "With permission of the Chair, members may invite guests to the legislative chambers to sit in those specially designated areas to the rear of the Chamber." Is that agreeable with you, Senator?

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Lamb, would you like to speak about your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, I would move the amendment just read by the Clerk, and all it does is designate that the visitor area is at the back we commonly call the visitors area behind that roped in section under the balcony, and it does not allow visitors to come in under the other areas under the balcony because I think it gets too congested if we allow them in there. I would move that amendment, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barrett, did you wish to speak about the Lamb amendment?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes, Mr. President, I am in total concurrence with the proposed change offered by Senator Withem and also Senator Lamb's amendment. I think it is necessary that we do designate between...differentiate between the areas under the balcony and these two roped off areas toward the rear of the Chamber. It has been my experience that we have had problems