

handle their money. I want to emphasize again, ladies and gentlemen, that the Ethanol Authority has been established and has the ability, has the ability to invest up to \$18 million worth of funds. That is more money, that is three times the amount of money in the Bank of the Valley at Bellwood.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, please, it just continues to be noisy. If you must talk, please talk softly so that we can hear what is being said. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, are we still on Final Reading?

PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Would you ask the members then, without taking any of my time off of the clock, to please return to their seats. That is not...

PRESIDENT: That is a reasonable request. Point of order. State your point, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, the rule was changed some years ago when we are considering motions on Final Reading, I believe, to allow us the freedom to move about the floor. And, Senator Schmit is correct in saying we ought to be showing a little more courtesy and not be as loud as we are, and I will grant that, but I believe freedom to move around the floor in considering motions is a change in the rules that was made a couple of years ago.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, you are correct in changing the rules so that you could wander around while we are discussing bills while on Final Reading. However, I would really recommend that we show a little respect, not only to Senator Schmit, but to anybody else who is speaking, because up here with the reverberations, it is very difficult to understand, and those who wish to listen, it certainly ought to be quiet enough so that they can hear.

SENATOR WITHEM: And I certainly agree with that, and we have been discourteous to Senator Schmit and we should be paying a little more attention, but remaining absolutely frozen to your seat while motions are being considered is not part of our rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem, you stated it better than I could