

it is. So they roused senators out of bed. I remember a little short senator. He came over here just grumbling and muttering and behind him was a State Trooper about twice as tall and he walked him right to his seat. He sat right there. I think it was Senator Moylan, the late Senator Moylan. He wasn't late that time, because the patrol brought him back. But here is what I'm looking at. I haven't talked at all on the redistricting matter but I'm concerned when some will say vote on the issue before us, which will be the rule, and not the issue for which the rule is being invoked and then say we're not going to read the rule. All I ask you to do is read what the rule says. Those who are excused will not have to pay the cost of being returned if there is a cost entailed. Those who are not excused who can be found and brought back will have to pay any cost. If you don't like the rule and if it wasn't liked at that time, there are opportunities to change the rule. There have been opportunities to change the rule but I think deep down in everybody's mind was the notion that it may be necessary at some point to have a rule such as this in place so that individuals can be compelled to be returned. We have at our disposal the Sergeants at Arms, as this says, then indefinite individuals are included. That could be the State Patrol. It could be the County Sheriff. It could be the National Guard, whoever is necessary. And if some of them have to be tracked down, Sherlock Holmes and Bulldog Drummond might could be found.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, at any rate, the point that I'm trying to make is that the rule says what it means and it ought to mean what it says. If you don't want the vote to be taken, you might say, well, we're just going to ignore what the rule says and vote to uphold the Chair if the Chair says that what Senator Conway requested will not be granted. But it has been done in the past. Oh, Senator Schmit was here too. He remembers. And Senator Warner stayed on the telephone but I'm sure he's listening on the phone with one ear and what I'm saying with the other. If you doubt what I'm saying, maybe I'm off on a detail or two about what was happening at the time, but the substantive story, as I've told it, is precisely the way it happened and the crucial point is that they were rounded up and compelled to come back.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hefner.