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that. And you know what they started saying? Taxation without representation is tyranny. Now these were Englishmen saying this, but Englishmen knew that in Parliament there were many people sitting in Parliament who did not even live in the areas from which they supposedly came to provide representation. They were called rotten boroughs, and the person didn't even live there. So this idea of taxation without representation was not a new thing to Englishmen. Why, they even knew about representation without representation because, from their area, they had nobody representing them. The person who allegedly or purportedly represented them came from the upper classes and didn't even live there. But that was a slogan because the people could grasp a slogan, something that did not require thought or understanding--taxation without representation is tyranny. So Lord North played a much more significant role in providing the grist for the American Revolution than King George III, even though the Declaration of Independence lays out a long, detailed, multipointed indictment against George III. That man, North, dealt with the exchequer. They knew throughout Europe that the power was in the hands of the person who controlled the purse strings.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They knew that. But in America, because the education that people receive is flawed and inferior, people get in the Legislature and were not taught that and don't learn it even after getting here. Consequently, they think of the Legislature as a doormat branch of government, to be walked on and disrespected, and the problem is when we begin to internally organize in a way that disrespects the Legislature and that's what I cannot agree to because I am a part of it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. So if everything that the Rules Committee is presenting to us is adopted, you will have a situation where the membership of these committees will consist of either six members or three members, although I thought I saw one with seven but I'm not sure, divisible by three. You will have a situation where they're going to strive for what they call geographic integrity in representation where