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MR. SWANSON:

Members of the Legislature I have an announcement on behalf of the Executive Board. Yesterday you indicated that you wanted to be sure that the rules were enforced as far as the seating in the rear of the Chamber was concerned. We've checked the rules and we've changed the seating. You'll notice that now the rope is from the second pillar there to the wall. That's the only space that is available to lobbyists and the public at the present time. The area back under to the left over here is reserved for families and VIPs. Anybody else has to go upstairs. There will be absolutely no conversation held behind the railing here. If anybody wants to visit with you or you want to visit with anybody else, you have to go out into the rotunda. Now we are pursuing the rules as they are presently instituted. This is what you asked for and that's the way it's going to be. Thank you.

SENATOR HOLMQUIST: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, then I understand the rules now does include the area under the balcony on the north wall, the north side. Well, I'm having the rule prepared that we'll just extend that area to underneath the balcony. In other words, the main floor on the north side. I think it's wrong to try and encompass all the lobbyists or even the small part of them in an area that we see this morning back there. I think these people are first class citizens, and I think they should be treated this way. So I'm having this rule change drafted and I hope the members of the Legislature agree to it but I do think that when they have something to say to a Senator or to each other they should get out into the rotunda and do their talking. I think the Senators should be the first ones to acknowledge that fact that when they're back there they go right on through the gates out to the rotunda to visit with anybody or even with each other.

SENATOR CLAUSON: I'd like to ask Senator Holmquist what is the intent of this rule change that you are proposing? Are you going to extend this area or are you going to do away with it back under this balcony? I didn't understand.

SENATOR HOLMQUIST: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, I would put it back to where it was yesterday morning.

MR. SWANSON: At the present time the rules say that the Legislative Chamber shall be that portion of this Chamber forward from behind the back row of Senators. And that's exactly where the cord is now and if you have an amendment fine, bring it in and let the members discuss and if that's what they want, fine. We have now enforced the rules as they presently stand.

SENATOR HASEBROCK: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature, I have an announcement. This afternoon the Interim Study Committee Reports will be heard probably about 2:00 when the Legislature recesses from lunch and we will take as much time as necessary and if there is some time left, we'll continue on in the Legislative session. I've been requested also to announce by Senator Maresh who has a voice that doesn't lend itself to talking that tonight Governor Exon will speak in Milligan on Amendment 10 and Tuesday night Senator Burbach will speak in Milligan on Amendment 10. If you wish rides to this event, get in touch with Senator Maresh.