

REGARDING READING ON THE SENATE FLOOR

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In response to a point of order from Senator Becker regarding the need to ask permission to read from materials on the senate floor, the President finds and rules as follows:

So, under the Senate's rules, any senator wishing to read something on the Senate floor, should seek approval or permission to do so. There is also language in Reed's Rules, which are incorporated around reading one's remarks, so when it's been brought to my attention that someone is reading without being granted permission then I will address that. So, if there is a concern at a particular time then I would ask that you would raise it at that moment and recognizing also that there is not a problem with reading from one's notes. I think we all, you all do that, but the point is to avoid a circumstance where we are speaking someone else's words not speaking in our own words. It preserves amity, and also brevity given the time limit that we have. So, I hope that was responsive Senator Becker."