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Statement by Senator Robert L. Hedlund on the Senate President clearing the Senate gallery

Boston, MA – “I am disappointed that Senate President Therese Murray cleared the entire Senate gallery when a group of spectators cheered wildly to express their displeasure regarding a bill being debated that would raise taxes \$500 million dollars. I believe a simple warning would have sufficed. Many times in the past I have witnessed various interest groups cheer matters before the Senate without being kicked out of the gallery. This is the people’s house and they deserve to be able to view the Senate in action, especially while taking up a significant issue. It is likely many of these citizens were here for the first time and did not understand the decorum of the institution.