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SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that the amendment be made to nine sets instead of eighteen.

SPEAKER: Pardon me sir, I didn't hear.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Nine sets instead of eighteen.

SPEAKER: Nine sets to the Legislature. Total of nine sets. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: My thinking is that maybe not everybody wants a set on the desk here and I think it would be just as effective to have a few on each side. If somebody does want them on the desk rather than on the side, they can do that, but I see no need for a set of books on each desk here. Let's see what the body feels about it.

SPEAKER: Senator Johnson, let's make sure we're communicating. You are mentioning that you are moving now to amend Senator Simpson's motion which would be to place nine complete sets of statutes on the floor and nine off the floor or just nine on the floor.

SENATOR JOHNSON: A total of nine.

SPEAKER: A total of nine on the floor.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right.

SPEAKER: OK

SENATOR JOHNSON: Placed on the table.

SPEAKER: The chair stands corrected a little bit. That really is an amendment to Barnett's amendment which has already been adopted. Alright, do you understand the amendment? The question is shall the Barnett amendment be amended and changed from eighteen sets of statutes to nine sets of statutes. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. This motion is to limit the number of sets of statutes from eighteen back to nine for floor use in the legislative chamber. Senator Hasebroock voting aye. This simple amendment would take just a simple majority. Have you all voted? Once again the chair would ask if you have all voted? The clerk will record. Senator Hasebroock voting aye.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President. Motion has lost. Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, wouldn't it make more sense to have like two sets in the chamber under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant At Arms. I am somewhat familiar with what happens to sets of statutes. If they are just setting around anyplace I know how long they last. Somebody uses one, doesn't bring it back and you end up never having a complete set. I really feel from my experience down here that on the floor we don't use those statutes enough to justify a bunch of sets of statutes here. They take up room and I don't think they are used that frequently. As I said, they will eventually become lost or one or two volumes lost and then the whole set is shot so to speak. But if you have a person in charge of a couple sets, such as the Sergeant at Arms, who is responsible for retrieving the volumes after they are taken, then I think that would work. That is just a suggestion if anybody is interested in it to solve this little problem.

SPEAKER: Senator Proud, does the chair hear that you offered that as an amendment.

SENATOR PROUD: Yes, I will offer it as an amendment.