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**SPEAKER:** Thank you. Do I hear a second? Is there any further discussion of the motion? Senator Simpson, do you care to respond?

**SENATOR SIMPSON:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I proposed the amendment we have in each row room to put a set of statutes. Down underneath there is a built in place, each row. I don't think it is going to make any difference whether you put them there or you put a couple sets under the jurisdiction of the Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms isn't going to have time in the first place to watch and see where these go as they move down through the chamber as somebody needs them. I, personally, kept my own set on my desk for one session and had no problem with them leaving and I didn't hear of anyone else having the problem that left theirs on their desk also, so I don't think we have that as long as they are put in a proper place within the room.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Syas, did you wish to be recognized to speak on this amendment? This amendment is the Proud amendment which involves the placing of two sets

**SENATOR SYAS:** Just a brief statement is all. Ladies and gentlemen, I have watched this Legislature for a long time and what we do, we downgrade ourselves every chance we get seemingly and I think it is about time that we, you know how the Legislative bodies in the United States are looked at now by polls and everything. It is partly our own fault. So you don't look any better to the general public than you yourself feel you are and I think we are bordering on that question right here this morning. I don't know why we don't do the things that are necessary and should be done instead of constantly downgrading or belittling, to a certain extent, what we should be doing.

**SPEAKER:** The chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

**SENATOR MAHONEY:** Mr. President, I agree with Senator Syas that if the set of statutes are in between the rows as Senator Simpson has mentioned also. I think they should be available because from time to time you do find yourself with needing a set either out here, in your office, or back home, and I can see nothing wrong with having extra sets of statutes available to us so that they are available with us and I agree with Senator Barnett's motion originally that we should have the tools to work with and possibly there would be a few less mistakes when it goes over to the bill drafter.

**SPEAKER:** The chair recognizes Senator Proud.

**SENATOR PROUD:** Mr. President, I would like Senator DeCamp to comment on this and Senator Luedtke and any other lawyers. This is really not a world-shaking decision and I certainly believe that we should spend money as necessary to properly run this Legislature, only the point is I don't think it is necessary to have all these volumes around. Senator DeCamp has mentioned to me that the entire school of law where they are more or less using these statutes constantly, they only have something like two or three sets and I would say this is also true of the major law firms. Maybe Senator DeCamp would like to add something to that.

**SPEAKER:** Senator DeCamp, do you care to respond?

**SENATOR DeCAMP:** Mr. President and members of the Legislature, no not particularly. He said everything. I was just casually discussing with him the fact that in the School of Law which, what, has a couple of hundred probably 250 law students I would just guess, they have I think three or four sets for the entire library and they spend a tremendous amount of time, particularly the freshmen classes, doing research and the limited number of sets of statutes accommodate the Law School because of the way