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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I think two things. Number one, for those that were pushing for full free flow of information, it appears that we don't want that. Secondly, if anybody in your district asked you to put something on everybody's desk, you wouldn't do it anyway. Thirdly, this is a method to get it out here. We are going to get the same amount of material. We are going to keep doing it and, as Senator Duis says, this is to take a little of the responsibility off the Speaker so he can keep his quick wit about him, not be bothered by detail. I think it is a simple thing we need to do and we ought to move it on right now.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: May I just suggest that material with a complete return address may be delivered to the Clerk. Who has the option of delivering to the clerk? Anybody who wants to deliver to the Clerk, and then once the Clerk has it, he has to distribute it to the Senate post office, that is the way this reads, if I can understand the English language. And it does not say after "the Clerk", the word "clerk", that the Clerk then may do it. It just says for distribution after the Clerk has a hold of it.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Whitney, I am sure the Committee understood it as they did, but if it will help you, we will be tickled to death for you to make an amendment to put the word "may" in there again, so that it becomes perfectly clear, and I will make that amendment so that you will be satisfied then. We will put the word "may" after Clerk.

SPEAKER: You are offering an amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, because that will probably clear up the only remaining point that I think is bothering us here at the present time and, so, if you will do that, please, so that the Clerk may deliver it.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: It is possible, here, that we could put an amendment in that after the word Clerk, through the Clerk who may. Oh, after the word distribution. I am having help here that I cannot understand. I would like to strike the words "for distribution" and put in after the word Clerk, "who may distribute through the Senate post office". The Clerk, then, would make the decision as to whether it was of sufficient relevance to distribute on our desks.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I think we need to get off the TV cameras because I think that there is more important things that they can check on, here, so, let me withdraw my amendment so that Senator Whitney may have his, if it will please him and take care of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Was his amendment agreeable with you, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Fine. Just so he is satisfied that it is the way he would like to have it.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney, what is your amendment?

CLERK: All right. The Whitney amendment would be as follows: If that meets with your approval, Senator. To strike "for distribution" and insert "who may distribute it to the Senate post office".

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, that's it.