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SPEAKER: Motion fails.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I wish to speak once more on this merely from the standpoint of the lobby situation also. We have this shield law and I realize we passed it in good faith. This is one of the first times I have really seen this invoked to this extent. Senator Cavanaugh, who apparently wants to have the bill brought back, is one of the chief sponsors of some lobby laws and maybe we had better help him with that a little more because apparently he wants this bill brought back now on the basis of a lobbyist who isn't able to reveal his name. Now I would call on the other lobbyists to please help us with this situation because I think it is going to hurt their situation, as far as I am concerned. If we have this type of thing going on with the press, I am a bit aggrieved here and I probably show it because I certainly think, in all due courtesy to anyone who has a bill in this Legislature, and there is someone who thinks there is a legitimate reason that it not be good, that he have the common courtesy to go to that particular person because I am sure that we will all be cooperative, if we have a bill in here which is detrimental in any way at all.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, do you wish to now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, to set Senator Maresh's mind at ease and I understand your point, but this would be an entirely new section and it does not touch any existing statute at all. So all we are doing is limiting the scope of this new legislation and I have a specific amendment which I would offer when we bring the bill back but the first thing we have to do is vote to bring it back from the Governor because the bill is in his office. At that time it comes back, I would move to place it on Select File for the specific amendment and just the passage of time necessary to get the bill back will give us whatever time we need to work out the language and I will talk to Senator Marvel. He is not in opposition to what we are attempting to do and I don't think he is in opposition on the face of it to the amendment that I am suggesting and we will have time to refine that. The aim is not to cut the program that he had in mind when he introduced the bill but, merely, to make certain that it doesn't go into an area that was not intended or envisioned by the Legislature. On the other matter, I can certainly understand how Senator Marvel feels because when somebody is going to deal with me, I like them to come to me face to face and look me right in my eyes, and if they are going to shake a finger, I want them to shake it in my nose and not somebody else and tell them that is what they would like to do with me. But on the other hand, when legisla... we know what lobbyists are, first of all. We know what human nature is. We have a bill now to try to put some shackles and some reins on these individuals whom I have not the highest regard in the world for. I don't dislike all lobbyists. I don't respect all lobbyists. As people, they might be as nice as anybody else. As fathers, they might be concerned about their children. As husbands, they may be loving and considerate of their wives but when they put on the role of that lobbyist, something comes over them. It is something like when the good Dr. Jekyll drank his