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SPEAKER BARRETT: It is possible to negotiate if...only if Section 2, the bill does not apply. That is my understanding.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What does Section 2 say?

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, are you going to respond to that?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, I'm not. Senator Schmit has Senator Barrett on the griddle and...

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Barrett will be back in a moment, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You're not charging me for this time now, are you?

PRESIDENT: Oh, yeah.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I thought you would.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett doesn't seem in a hurry so it's all right with us. He'll be back shortly.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, Senator Schmit, it appears that the reason why The Banner Press would want to do that is critical. Now, if the three sections in Section 2 come into play, the public official can negotiate for those three subtitles, (a), or 1, 2, and 3.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, members, Senator Barrett, suppose The Banner Press says we just won't take it for that, we want more money. If one institution can charge more, why can't another? And The Banner Press is the only newspaper in the county, is there a reason why they should be forced to print the notices for a specified rate when another institution does not need to do so? And if they do not need to do so, then why do we need the bill? Why not just let it be a free-for-all?

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, did you wish to help out on this situation?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure. It's best to open up in your Journals to page 721 to see how this works. If the city wants a legal notice in color or if they want the legal notice placed in a