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to serve their communities as a local depository of information.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Local depository, I have a little bucket under my desk which serves as a local depository for information also but I know that's not what you meant. Senator Avery, are you a free market economist or do you believe in a managed economy?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Are you asking Senator Avery?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I mean Senator Maurstad, I'm sorry, Senator Avery's amendment. Senator Avery is a hunter.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, you threw me off.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, are you a free market economist? Do you believe in the concepts contained or articulated by those who are free market economists? In other words, where you let the principles of the market determine everything in the commercial arena.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: In those areas where government does not impose a mandate, I would be a proponent of that theory.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a governmental mandate guarantees a certain amount of money in exchange for carrying that out, isn't that a quid pro quo where in exchange for A I get B?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If it were an equal exchange.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right now these papers are making a profit on these publications that they make of these notices, don't they?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Senator Maurstad was pretty direct and forthright but he saw where I was going so he quickly reversed his field, did a fake to the left and scooted on around on the right and did what they did an end around in football which means he kind of evaded the issue but we know what the issue is. Senator Avery's amendment and this bill both give me the opportunity to discuss newspapers and the print media. We don't have many bills directly bearing on that subject. On occasion Senator Hall will try to get us to do that which is just by having a bill put in place that would allow newspaper