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PRESIDENT: Senator Savage, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Yes.

SENATOR BARNETT: Senator Savage, would you do this much with the passing of the bill and you know we've talked several times together about this...would you get the directions to the press that they quit referring to this as a shield law and call it for what it is.

SENATOR SAVAGE: That's what...I'm in favor of that, too.

SENATOR BARNETT: I think the reason you've had objections to this and the reason there has been so much controversy on this is because the press for some reason continues to call it a shield law and I don't believe that is too acceptable and I don't believe that's actually what it is. So, I would hope that you could make it strong enough in your closing or whatever that you tell them to call the bill and to tell what it is.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well, actually, Senator Barnett, the only people that are protected in this bill is the source of the information and the general public. It's a protection of the free flow of information that this bill is designed to take care of.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you, very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SHCMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just want to add my support to Senator Savage's bill. I think it is a good bill and I think as he has pointed out, it protects the public and does not, necessarily, protect the individual member of the press and anytime that we do anything to impede the press we are going to, eventually, regret it. Therefore, I would like to add my support to the bill and urge that it be passed.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Syas. Senator Luedtke, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes.

SENATOR SYAS: Just how far does that go?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That was the definition that we...that the amendment went to. Those engaged...that's who is under this bill...those engaged in procuring, gathering, writing, editing, or disseminating news or other information to the public. So that's who we are talking about regardless of what press means

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