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anticipating that it could and we, we want to prevent that. All we're doing is protecting the First Amendment to the Constitution which was invoked up to the 50's and 60's but in recent years why some of the courts have found otherwise and we're trying to protect that situation.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Nore, then Senator Snyder.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I rise to ask Senator Luedtke a question he probably would know.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR NORE: What would happen in the case of a libel suit against a newspaper or a newsman. Would he be required to divulge the source of his information if there was extreme--

SENATOR LUEDTKE: He wouldn't be required to but, of course, this might be his only salvation to beat the libel suit, in fact, I would suggest that if he made certain statements and then somebody sued him for libel or sued the newspaper for libel and they came into court and he, and he relied on this and said I'm not going to tell you, what do you think the jury would say? They'd say, if he doesn't want to tell, he must be guilty. He must be liable.

SENATOR NORE: He can take the Fifth Amendment.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: So, I, I think it would be a problem for the newspaper and for those reporters if he wouldn't tell. In other words, he might, under those circumstances and, Senator Savage might want to elaborate on this but I believe that under those circumstances, they might, they might want to disclose, I don't know. This would be up to them.

SENATOR NORE: This bill does give him the right--

SENATOR LUEDTKE: --not to.

SENATOR NORE: --not to furnish any information--

SENATOR LUEDTKE: --under any circumstance, under this bill. I might just while I'm speaking again, say that, in answer to that as well as to what Senator Syas had asked, the key to this is the dissemination to the public; just so you get that point. It is to the public and that does kind of shut out some of these people, as far as people that are brought under the Act, I mean.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and Members of the body; very briefly. Senator Savage has worked hard on this bill. I introduced this bill two years ago and again last year. I have been hopeful that in these three years, Senator Savage and myself have been able to meet with the individual members of the body to remove any fears they had if there was something beyond which this bill is intended to do. I assure you there is not. This is merely to reaffirm and to put onto some statutes really, the rights under the First Amendment, the freedom of speech. I don't want to go into detail. I have, I'll guarantee you, as much information on the subject in my office as anyone will ever want to attempt to get into and I would ask if anyone still is not convinced and would have questions, I'm sure that Senator Savage, I know, has a lot of information. I have additional information. I, I had hoped that these three years we had been able to see the need; each year there has been an increase in the number of reporters