

and such as that or other material, he puts his initial on it, in other words, he authorizes it. Now if he wants to authorize something for somebody, but the Speaker has quite a problem here, more so than an individual legislator. Every one of these people run into the Speaker and say can--will you put your name on this or will you give me permission. In other words, by giving permission, he doesn't even have to put his initial on it and consequently we're relieving him of this responsibility.

SENATOR WHITNEY: But if a state agency did ask a State Senator to do it, the State Senator could put his name on it--

SENATOR DUIS: You, you put your initial on it and then you're endorsing it.

SENATOR WHITNEY: And then distribute it. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature. I wonder if Senator Duis would yield to a question.

SENATOR DUIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR MARESH: Does this mean that any organization in the State can bring mail in here by the bagfuls and give them to the Clerk to put in our boxes without--

SENATOR DUIS: No sir. What it says is they must put their return address on it and they must give it to the postmistress.

SENATOR MARESH: Sure but--

SENATOR DUIS: In other words, they don't have to put a postage stamp on it.

SENATOR MARESH: Right, but they could bring any amount and any amount would be approved by the--could be approved by the Clerk, right?

SENATOR DUIS: They can do it right now, Senator. They'll just drop it on your desk.

SENATOR MARESH: Sure but it would have to be approved by the--

SENATOR DUIS: No it does not at the present time. If, if it's during a time when this Legislature isn't in session, they can walk through here and drop this mail on your desk. It's done all the time.

SENATOR MARESH: I thought it was supposed to be approved by a member of the body.

SENATOR DUIS: Not when the Legislature is not in session.

SENATOR MARESH: You mean--

SENATOR DUIS: We get a lot of mail and stuff on our desks that has not been approved by anybody. This will stop it.

SENATOR MARESH: But it isn't right is it, I mean, they, they're doing it but they shouldn't, right?

SENATOR DUIS: The point of it is, this makes it definite. There's one place they take it and that's right in there to the postmistress.

SENATOR MARESH: I can feature organizations bringing bagfuls of mail to avoid postage and--