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we want to do something to create a first class post office here and I understand that's helpful for appointments, but that's ridiculous.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore, did you wish to speak on the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR NORE: No, not the amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: This would not be a problem that Senator Frank Lewis brought up because any Senator can initial anything as the state agency wishes under this and put it on our desks, so this would not be a problem. This would just be where other people are wanting to bring things in here, and I, personally, feel that in the past we have deterred a lot of people from putting things on our desks because of this requirement, and I am in support of Senator Maresh's amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Hassebrook.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Duis a question. Senator Duis, do you think this would eliminate a lot of...by bringing it into the postoffice, you'd have some guidelines. You are just talking about inter-agency mail, anyway. We are not going to accept anything from everybody in there, am I right?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Senator Hassebrook, actually what the Rule is trying to do is to take the responsibility of the speaker from having all of these groups and such call on him to get permission to deliver this indiscriminately around here, and it does because become embarrassing, I know, to him because if you let one do it, you have got to let everybody do it. Now, if it is necessary for them to bring it into the postmistress for delivery, we've got a postoffice box in there that...and she has the time to do it and it doesn't take up the time of our Pages and, consequently, what is fair for one is generally fair for all, but if they wish to amend this, we have no pride in authorship, here. If they wish to amend this that everyone except state agencies have postage, this is fine with me. My only problem is, I am wondering how we are going to cancel it. If that's the case, they are going to have to take it downstairs to the main postoffice, and then have the stamp cancelled down there, and brought up here because our postmistress up here cannot cancel stamps.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: I think it is a good rule and I am not so sure about the Maresh amendment. I think that is going to have to be handled with...by depositing mail downstairs and brought up the regular route. I don't think it can be done in this postoffice.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would oppose the Maresh amendment. Senator Maresh, would you listen for a minute. I am not asking you a question, I just want bring your attention the fact that you are defeating the very purpose for the amendment, itself, and that is not to have the Speaker bothered by all these people coming in. I can assure you that if it costs some individual citizen \$4.00 just to take something over here to the post office, they are going to bother the Speaker for that \$4.00. I think you are just going to defeat the whole process and if they are not going to cancel the stamps, as Senator Simpson rather humorously just said, make sure they just lick a little edge of the stamp so we can use the stamps ourselves.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, and members, what I'm wondering