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SENATOR DUIS: I, I'm sorry, Senator Marsh, but I thought maybe this argument was going on for a long time so I thought I'd do something else. Go ahead.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. When it says officers and employees of the Legislature, does that mean anyone who has an identification tag with their picture on it?

SENATOR DUIS: According to our Rules Committee, no. This means the actual officers and employees.

SENATOR MARSH: In this case I am not in favor of these rules because I have a student who is assigned to me who does have an identification tag and she would not be of use to me if she is assigned to a balcony position. I am not able to contact her and have her run errands for me so I can spend more time in this room. I would find it very disadvantageous to have the student who is working on a part time basis for me not able to be on the left hand side of this chamber so that she is at my beck and call. This is the purpose in a learning situation for her and certainly in a helpful situation for me.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Marsh, this is, this part of the rules is not up for change so I would suggest that you make an amendment to this rule change if you desire to have this done because we have had a problem with the people who are here, not because of them but the fact that we could be flooded with the place because probably two or three or four schools might want to have these young folks in here and if we get too many of them in here, we would have a lot around so I would suggest, because we take the rule to be literally that that would be--employee, one who is being paid so I would suggest that you make a--an amendment to the rule change because this part is not up for consideration.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. I would like to amend this section too so that it reads--

PRESIDENT: It'll have to be written out, Senator Marsh and submitted to the Rules Committee. Thank you. Senator Proud is next to speak.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I hadn't given this a lot of thought I--Senator Duis is right, nobody consulted me about this part about the speaker assigning the press an area. I have no feelings one way or another about that. I certainly won't be affronted in every way--in any way if this is not, that duty is not assigned to me. I'm just speaking off the top of my head now but as far as I am concerned, personally I have no problems with the press in this regard. They do come down here on the floor occasionally and interview you but that hasn't caused me any problems. I doubt if it's caused the other members any problems and so in regard to the press, it would be my thinking that until such time as we do have a problem, it might not be well to change the rule but I have no strong feelings on that either way. I don't know what they do, for example, United States Senate, I would have a feeling that reporters do not have access to the floor and, of course, I've continued saying that we should dignify ourselves by our procedures to the extent that that's possible but here again, I've observed no real problem as far as the press is concerned.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, would Senator Warner yield to a question?

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