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him some more dough, huh?

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. Brauer asked me to approve distribution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, for what purpose did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I suppose a point of personal privilege in the fact I want to say to Senator Proud that this Legislature on this abortion thing needs all the information we can get and you made a statement here this morning and then you said you heard, and I don't think you should put stuff out like that unless it's true. Now, is it true or isn't it. We need that information. I hope you are right but...

SENATOR PROUD: Senator, I said that this information has been imparted to me. I have no idea whether it is true because in the first place I didn't have time to go to Grand. Rhode Island and check with the Federal District judge that made a decision. However, the person that imparted this information to me is now attempting to verify it and I told him to do that as quickly as possible and try to get the word back to this body and that is as much as I know about it.

SENATOR SYAS: Well I hope we have it before the debate starts because that'd make quite a difference.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Syas. Senator Kennedy, for what purpose did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might ask Senator Proud a question.

PRESIDENT: Yes, you may ask Speaker Proud a question, if he will yield.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Senator Proud, your being an attorney, have you read the Rhode Island bill?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes. I haven't committed to memory but I have (inaudible) it, yes.

SENATOR KENNEDY: The reason I ask is I have been told by a number of attorneys, judges, and so forth, that the Rhode Island bill was similar to the bill that Nebraska had that the Supreme Court threw out and if we adopted that in the language thereof, it would be thrown out immediately in court and this disturbs me and not being an attorney, I wondered if you had any familiarity to that.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, Senator, you might be entirely correct but if it is true, and here again, I don't know that it is, if a Federal judge has held otherwise, then I think the body would want to consider his ruling regardless of what I or anybody else thinks about it.

SENATOR KENNEDY: OK. Thank you, Senator Proud.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, somebody has advised me that Senator Anderson already has this handbook distributed. It is call the Handbook on Abortion. Is that true? Does everybody have copies of it already? You have them distributed to everybody, Senator Anderson? Well, then there is no point in me putting them out.

PRESIDENT: Do we have any notices of Committee Hearings or reports?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President.