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Chamber here on both sides. You will find this to be true especially in the State of Washington which has a velvet curtain even all the way around it. That once those on the side can be able to see in here, still have their conversations, you can get out and back, you'll find it will also cut our noise down on the floor. That will follow suit. I think we have to have first things first and I don't want to deprive anybody on the sides from being able to see in and there'll be speakers out there so they can hear. That it promotes quietness on the floor and I think Senator Simpson may have been out there....weren't you with us....Washington at the time. Actually, it was a wonderful thing to be in there. We were taken in and seated up behind the speaker and believe me, we had a special permission to get in even when we were visiting from another state. There was absolutely no noise on that floor when anyone was speaking. There certainly wasn't a whisper from any place other than the Legislature itself and they were under their own control. It was a wonderful thing when you know everyone has attention.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I certainly agree and I was also at Washington at the same time. Now, the only way I would object to this is if they put the glass over there instead of over here on this side. I think that you will find the senators sitting on the outside and on the perimeter of this Legislature have much more trouble hearing. Maybe we're getting old, I don't know that but we have more trouble hearing because of the noise under the balcony which is more reflective to us than it is to someone on the inside. I think this is a problem. I'm sure that perhaps we can spy enough money to get a steel gavel for our speaker up there or president of the Legislature so it will make it easier for him. But, I know that the problem more is more on the perimeter of this than it is in the center and I will certainly agree with Senator Dickinson that we don't have too good a decor in here too. I'd like to have this side first so I wouldn't object to that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, did you want to be heard on the issue? The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'm sure we're all conscious of the problem we're discussing right now. Personally, I'd like to see what first can be done in controlling the noise right here in this immediate part. I'm sure that since I'm sitting in the center, so to speak, of the Chamber, I do not have the problem of some of the senators on the exterior part of the Chamber. I would think that perhaps if you could do a lot towards hitting that table with that gavel but maybe not hit it quite so loud, it hurts my ears. I think we ought to pay attention to what you say with your gavel and I think we could improve it a lot. Personally, I favor doing that before we go to the expense of even enclosing one side with glass. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Kremer. The Chair might add that there are times when really to get you to respond to an issue that's before you, it seems to me I do have difficulty getting your attention and it is more so when there is more floor noise. Of course, that would be just my side comments. Senator Syas, did you want to speak?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, all I want to say is that this comes up periodically, I'd say about once a month in the year and it seems like we sitting in the Senate have a tendency to blame everybody else. Actually, the blame is whom, ourselves. A good example of that was just this morning. Senator Proud was talking about how the California Legislature operates, what the salaries are they get, and the fringe benefits and all that sort of thing. I could hardly hear him and his voice, I'd say, is one of the stronger ones, not second to me, but he's up in the upper

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