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At this time they are able to hire a reporter of the court and this reporter can also act as librarian of the law and the Supreme Court does have the power now to hire other clerical help and so I believe that we should kill this bill so it will not come before the people.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers is not here so we will proceed then with...the Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Is he here? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I have some questions if I could ask Senator Reutzel.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel, will you respond?

SENATOR NEWELL: The motion now is as I understand it, if I could ask the Speaker, is to kill the bill. Is that right?

PRESIDENT: That is right. The motion is to indefinitely postpone. That is what you are addressing yourself to.

SENATOR NEWELL: All right. Senator Reutzel, I need to ask you a question or two. You explained earlier the need for this particular amendment. The question that I have is if this, in fact, is all that needed, why is the language, why wasn't the committee decision to just strike all language relative to that so that we could do it by statute, relative to the library and where the library is going to be housed and so forth so we could do it by statute instead of going in this direction where we only do half of it?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Newell, it has been a while since we have had the hearing. We worked on the bill. Counsel suggested this. We followed the suggestion. It is in the constitution. Obviously if it didn't need to be taken out of the constitution and done in the constitutional fashion the Supreme Court would not have asked for this. I don't know that what you are saying, but we can do it by statute.

SENATOR NEWELL: It will not be completely out of the statute, will it? Out of the constitution, will it? We are still allowing for a state librarian. The only question is they are going to be separate and so forth, isn't that correct?

SENATOR REUTZEL: It will allow the court to appoint a librarian, yes.