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SENATOR NEWELL: My question is, if we are going to do this and it is really a constitutional prohibition, if we are going to clean this up, why not just eliminate completely any reference to the court librarian, any reference to this whole section dealing with why we have to have a librarian and who they are going to be responsible to?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Well the state library is under the function of the Supreme Court.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay.

SENATOR REUTZEL: It is under their jurisdiction. They have a librarian in name only who is also the court reporter. If they want someone to efficiently run that process under the court or under the state library, they are going to need someone full time or at least someone who has statutory authority there.

SENATOR NEWELL: One more question. I want to make this brief. Why is it possible if the Warner motion, and I'm not sure exactly how I am going to vote on the Warner motion, probably to support it, but if it does not pass can we then try to put this on the primary ballot since it is relatively non...and I'm not sure it is worth dealing with, but if it is important can we put it on the primary ballot so we don't have quite the bulk of amendments on the constitutional issues for November?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Newell, I am willing to put that and vote with you to put that on the primary ballot if you are willing to vote with me and put one other bill on the primary ballot.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, that is what I was afraid of.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, I think this is a year when the citizens of the state are looking to their state legislators not to expand or to turn loose various agencies or departments, constitutional or otherwise, to turn them loose with a carte blanche to do as they see fit without any control, without any input from this body. I think the proposition that we are going to eliminate any restriction whatever on the court and simply say you may hire whomsoever you see fit, officer, employee, or whoever, I think rather flies in the face of our various