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SENATOR WESELY: I will try.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I apologize, Senator, I haven't had a chance to look through the...go through the bill line by line...

PRESIDENT: Let's get some attention to this momentous debate.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Wesely, I apologize, I haven't had a chance to go through the bill line by line but perhaps if this makes it over to Final Reading I could do that, and I will have plenty of time. The question is, does this provide only for the storage of the records?

SENATOR WESELY: No, all it does is say that constitutional officers, such as the Governor and other offices, Secretary of State, have got to file their public records upon leaving office with the State Archivist.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Is public...how do you define what is public and private?

SENATOR WESELY: That is already defined under the law, and it is just public official business, I guess, as opposed to personal political.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I see.

SENATOR WESELY: Personal political papers are not having to be filed.

SENATOR REUTZEL: And who makes those determinations?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, I guess it would be subject to the provisions of the original Records Management Act and I suppose it could eventually be decided by the courts or it could be decided by the Records Management Division, which is in charge of administering the act.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Who brought this bill into the committee? Do you recall?

SENATOR WESELY: Pardon me.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Who brought the bill in to the committee?

SENATOR WESELY: Me.

SENATOR REUTZEL: And where did the impetus for this come from?