

I had spoken enough on this the other day. I will just point out to you that I think this is a very important matter that all of us should be concerned about.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Lundy, a minute. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen at the south area of the body (gavel), ladies and gentlemen, let's hold it down so you can hear the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR LUNDY: I think I...and repeating myself, I think it is important that the body fully realize that we are talking about a serious matter I think in the loss of not only books but other things that are in the libraries today that are carried away and they just don't show up. Now we are not trying to put anybody in jail on this matter. We just simply want to get the materials that belong to the public back into circulation. They do not belong to those people that willfully carry them off and we don't want to put anybody in jail. We don't want to "criminalize" this thing. We just simply want to get the materials back where they belong, because if they don't come back where they belong, then you and I are picking up the tab to buy more, to buy new ones to replace those that are carried off. This is all we are after. We are asking that the bill be held over until January, work out details that are unsatisfactory, with some of the attorneys in the body and let's see if we can't get this done and then take it up next January. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, it is going to be a long, long year this year if each and every decision we make is going to be reconsidered, especially of a particular decision like this because essentially what they are saying to us, as I understand it, is that we will wait till January and we will come back with it next year. It seems to me that a bill that needs as much work as this one should come back next year, not only should it come back next year but it rightfully should go through the committee again and have some committee work done on it. I think if there is a lesson that we learned on this bill this year, is that it probably should have had some more committee work before it came out onto the floor because we have expended a great deal of energy and emotion and time on this bill on the