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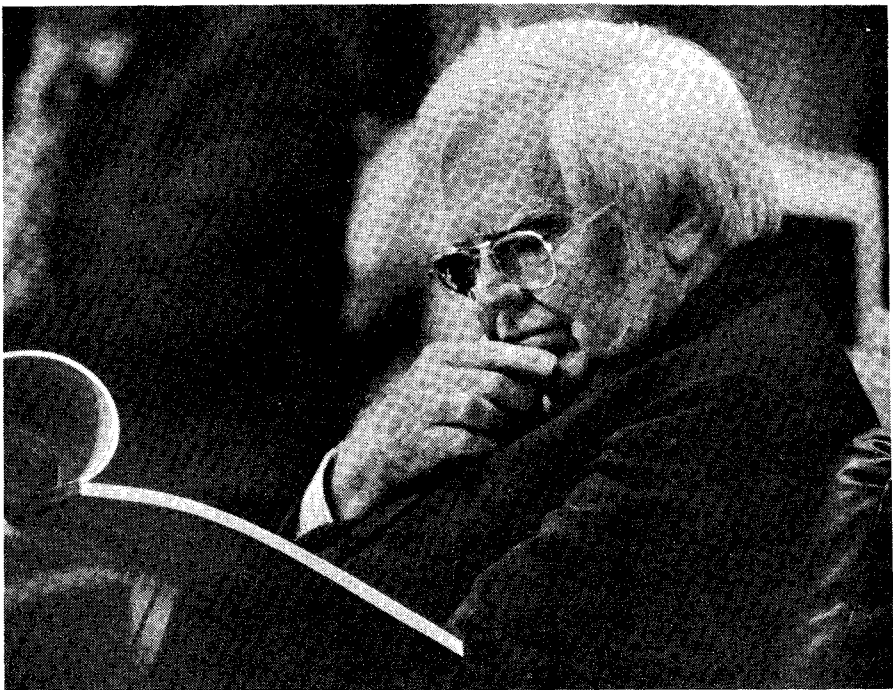
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He called his place “the best seat in the House.” From it, for twenty years, Allen Morris, served the people of Florida by serving those who made our laws. As a newspaper reporter and columnist, a consultant on rules and procedure, and, from 1966 until his retirement in 1986, Clerk of the House, he played a vital role in making the Florida Legislature a modern lawmaking body capable of addressing the most difficult policy issues. With fairness to all, he shared his wisdom and experience with legislators, staff members, lobbyists, and reporters—all in the hope of forging a deliberative process to serve the people of this state.

His contributions reach far beyond the legislative halls, however. Allen Morris has devoted his life to promoting an appreciation of Florida’s rich history and a sense of Florida as a unique place. Since 1946, he has regularly compiled the state’s most authoritative reference work, *The Florida Handbook*. As a product of that undertaking, in 1961 he founded the Florida State Photographic Archives to preserve the visual artifacts of Florida’s past. He has written many books on topics as diverse as Florida government and the derivations of Florida’s unusual place names.

For his lifetime of work for the betterment of Florida, the 1986 *Review of Florida Legislation* is respectfully dedicated to Allen Morris—teacher of leaders, citizen of Florida.

