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wife is on a \$60,000 a year retainer with Iranian Air Lines Company.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, the bill as it now stands has to do with the moving of the primary date. Could you....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here is what I am trying to get too.

PRESIDENT: All right, get there Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The purpose of having a primary is to reduce the number of candidates who will be elected in the General Election. Everyone is concerned as to who is opposed to this because they say that there is not enough time to develop the issue. Well the things that I mentioned are for the purpose of showing that the issues are developed other than through a discussion other than by the candidates because they will seldom touch on these issues in a straight forward fashion. The things that I have mentioned comes from the newspapers and enterprising reporters rather than from politicians who are trying to discuss the issues and lay before the people what the problems are facing this country. That statement about the press is not to give them blanket consideration, because they were condemning the two young reports of the Washington Post who were exposing Water-gate. Until the smoking gun was almost found in the mans hand then they jumped on the band wagon too. But, I want you to understand that I don't feel any political race is devoted to, or is issue orientated. The politician shakes hands with people, they go to parties, I mean where they drink and have refreshments rather than have political parties. They try to get elected primarily by the association that they have with other people. That is why they try to get endorsement. If you have a pole cat, and for those of you who don't know what that is that is a squat nosed little beast with black and white stripes, and nature has given him a unique way to defend himself and ward off his enemies, and some people say that he has a lot in common with politicians and a New York lawyer said that he couldn't tell the difference between me and one of those. So, I'm not just putting it on other people. But they try and get these endorsements and they try to say that this leader of the community that leader of the church and this leader of these civic organizations is backing me so I couldn't be all bad. Most politicians try and say as little as possible. When I was campaigning for Governor a lot of the other major candidates for major offices had other people as stand-ins for them. So, there was not much actual contact that they had with the people. There was not that much expressing of their own views that the people were exposed too. So, if we strip away all of the sham and all of the trappings of political campaigns we see that the candidates get an item that they try and put in the package and keep the people from being acquainted with. So, whether the campaign is one day long, or three years long, there is not going to be an opportunity to find out exactly what nature of person the candidate is. Senator Koch, I have just persuaded myself to vote for your bill in spite of the fact that Senator Lewis cut the heart out of it. I think that it is good sometimes to make...they are considered drastic by some people, drastic reforms to make people begin to rethink their positions and if necessary to revamp the entire system.