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there like a nice little boy and knock on the door and when he decides to talk to you, he'll talk to you. There was one day I was sitting in the Judiciary Committee and our numbers were decimated because the Governor was reaching out with that long whip and summoning various individuals to his office. The Governor controls the Legislature by controlling certain individuals at different times. Now the Legislature must realize, excuse me, what it's role is and assumes its powers and authorities. Now this Committee on Committees was considering an appointment by the Governor and they felt, certain members, that there were too many jobs being concentrated in one individual, so they were going to go and talk to the Governor and see if they could work something out. I would not vote to do that because I've dealt with this man on other occasions and they decided to do it, and I told them he was going to treat them like little boys, pat them on the head, tell them now you run back home and do what I told you to do, and that is exactly what the Governor did. This is not a man you can sit down with and reason on an issue with. This is a man you can walk into his office on your feet and approach and then crawl out on your knees or slither out on your belly. This is what the issue is now and it is what it's going to be from now on. If this bill is lost, as one of the members said, nothing will be changed. The Governor will be the same as he has always been. He'll still have that long whip that he can reach over from his office around corners and through that door and pop various Senators on the head, summon them over there, and get them to do what he wants them to do. We all know this has happened. We've seen it happen. Sometimes you can get a quorum in the Governor's office quicker than you can get it in the Legislature. So here is what I am going to say, by way of historical reflection. In a system where you have division of powers, Executive, Legislative and Judicial, we will leave the Judicial out, the purpose of the Legislature is to make wise and just laws for all of the people. Theoretically, there was a time in nature when every man was for himself, every woman for herself, but because an individual did not have all of the means to erect housing, acquire food, and so forth, people agreed to come to

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