

just lost for all 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 together and give up certain individual rights to the body as a whole so that in the numbers they would find the strength, excuse me, and the means to do what they couldn't do individually. In order to have laws, they had to delegate this authority to the wisest members of their group. Now this is how the Legislature came into being. The reason the Legislature meets for a short period of time relatively but the Executive Branch carries on all the time, it takes a relatively short time to pass a law but the laws must be enforced at all times so you need a branch of government to always be in session, always operational, to see that the laws are carried through. Now as long as the Executive merely carries out the will of the Legislature as expressed in laws, there is no problem. The problem arises when the Legislature passes the law that the Executive does not like and decides he is not going to enforce then the challenge is made, then the slap across the face by the Governor, then comes the choosing of weapons and we can stand up and be men or we can be craven cowards which has always happened. I was going to make a comparison between the Legislature now and the Pied Piper of Hamelin but I can't do it. The Pied Piper remember, was dealing with rats. We might be dealing with mice. Senator Carpenter himself, one day may be allusioned to mice as opposed to men on a certain issue. Whether we have 30 votes or not, we ought to reject the amendment and the reason I say it; even if the amendment is reasonable, Senator Carpenter cannot assure that the Governor will be any more favorably disposed to this bill than without it, and for my part, even if he promised, if he swore on his mother, if he swore on the Bible, if he crossed his heart and hoped to fall dead on the spot if he didn't keep his word, I wouldn't expect him to keep his word. I've seen the Governor's promises, they are less substantial than words written in water. On one bill he made me three promises and never kept it. I learned-- I wonder if the Legislature will learn. We do not have his promise that this amendment would make him accept the bill. Reject the amendment, pass the bill and follow Senator Carpenter's advice. If he vetoes it, trample him into the dirt and let him take it to court. Everybody makes that threat. If you don't do this, I'm going to take it to court. Let's find out if the court will make a statement on the separation of powers in this State with reference to this specific bill. The court could say it's a political issue and doesn't want to get involved at all. My final point: Somebody said this bill is not to get vengeance and revenge. Each man speaks for himself. Revenge is sweet. It is so sweet that God said vengeance is his, he doesn't want a man to get a taste of this sweet thing because it would govern so many of his actions. There is such a thing as killing two birds with one stone. On the merits of the bill, I want it to pass, but it's in the process of passing, I can get a drop or two of revenge, I'm not above that.

PRESIDENT: Before the Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis who is next to speak, I would like to call attention to a very distinguished group that we have visiting this morning in the North Balcony. These are for--42 foreign delegates and U.S. department representatives and Kearney State College Committee for the World Affairs Conference which is scheduled for Kearney State College this week. Mr. James Smith is the Director and, of course, Senator Stromer is helping with the group but I would like to have them rise because we not often have--we do not often have this distinguished a group to visit the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and I know you would want to join me to help welcome them here. Would the group please rise? We'd like to recognize you. Thank you. Next to speak is Senator Frank Lewis and then