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reluctance that I have to say this to you in regard to general administration but I think that from a political point of view, from a government point of view, that we're going to be in serious trouble with this bill and again, I, I rise to oppose the concept of it, certainly not as a friend of the Governor. You probably realize that through our battles and discussions on State aid, but cer--simply as a person interested in seeing that we provide laws that do the legitimate thing that we want to be done in legitimate government.

SPEAKER: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I would like to reinsert an element in this debate that I think might have been overlooked. Senator Stanner sometime ago in the morning debate, mentioned the fact that this was unanimous--there was unanimous support for this measure in the Appropriations Committee. I wasn't at all in the Legislature back in the middle 60's, 65 or so when this bill was passed, but I'm very much impressed by the fact that the last three Governors, going back to 1960 or '61, Governors Morrison, Governor Niemann, now Governor Exon, representing both political parties, have unanimously expressed their opposition to this bill. It would seem to me that the three men who have spent the longest amount of time living with this problem on a daily basis with the responsibility as the Chief Executive Officer elected by this, by the State, by the people of Nebraska, that their opinion should be given a great deal of weight. I think frankly, that their opinion, having lived with this, should be given more weight in this consideration than the opinion of any particular committee, even a committee of this Legislature. Now secondly, the commission that was originally proposed in Senator Marvel's bill, composed of the other constitutional officers, strikes me as, in a sense, sort of a phantom commission. We all know that many of the men and, or women, if they might be, many of the men who now

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