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having results, and good results, one in particular was that the fact that he did not veto the famous or infamous LB 12. I say also to this legislature, that no issue in this legislature today, will show this body more partisanship than this bill 452. You have the struggle of the two giants, the Governor that is in office and the Governor who aspires to that office. We see in the budget committee which is our official Governor, that's Senator Marvel, only in his particular realm he wishes to take the powers from the executive and place them over in his end, and this is natural. We saw in the last two weeks where the members of this legislature on two or three occasions saw the budget committee pitted against themselves and saw the Chairman of the budget committee vote against, vote against their own particular bill that they had before them which is Senator Schmit's and the Chairman stood up and said, "I cannot go along with the budget committee", and we heard a voice from the wilderness and Senator Whitney who warned us what would happen. I say that there are times that this legislature will have to stand above the politics and I'm going to say a remark here as Senator Carpenter says, there is nothing so disarming as the truth, yes I'm politics head, body and soul, I'm the same as Senator Carpenter who is Mister Politics himself, but I say that in this particular legislature itself, 452 ought to be the old bill that we had here a month ago on partisan legislature. Here will be an example of the nitty gritty, hard core, Republicans voting to do away with the administrative services department. Here is your example, and let me say to the Democrats who are in the Senators districts, this is what we will base ourselves on, this is the issue, oh yes, Senator Luedtke, I see you shrugging your head, but this will be the partisan issue of 1973, LB 452, you won't even accept this amendment, you want to choke the Governor, you want to trample him into the dust and dirt as Senator Chambers has asked you to do. I hope you follow his leadership, and prove to the people of Nebraska, that this legislature in this next two weeks, is going to prove again, and again, that they wish to continue the trampling and the pushing in the dirt of the executive branch of Government.

SPEAKER: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Mahoney a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney will you yield to a question?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Mahoney, are you asking us to settle this issue on a partisan basis?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well Senator Stull you were one of the weaker members on the partisan basis, there were times that I thought that maybe you would stand up and vote for the partisan legislature, and times that I didn't know that you were going to, and finally I don't know if you pushed the button green or red, would you answer that question first, then I'll answer yours?

SENATOR STULL: Well I'll be happy to, Senator Mahoney, I voted for the partisan legislature on every issue, and I think you did.

SENATOR MAHONEY: But in your soul Senator did you really want to vote for it?

SENATOR STULL: Well now, now, I think I could best answer that by asking you the same question?

SENATOR MAHONEY: You betcha I voted for it, I voted that button green right down the line.

SENATOR STULL: Okay, thank you.