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government.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Right.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, I do.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Are they not under the Governor's office?

SENATOR MARSH: Not all departments are under the Governor's office.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Doesn't he appoint the heads of the departments?

SENATOR MARSH: No., not all the heads of the departments, at all, and particularly not in the Executive Branch.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Would you say that most of the departments, then, are self-sufficient and we can use them as a tool here in the Legislature? If you go to Department of Roads, don't they give you an answer.

SENATOR MARSH: That's a code agency, sir.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: If you answer a question, but isn't Tom Doyle appointed by the Governor?

SENATOR MARSH: I believe you know the answer to that so you don't need to ask it of me, sir.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: But I say, if you ask them a question, don't they give it to you. I don't see anything unique about DAS. It's, probably, due to a failure of people asking them questions.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, if I were smart I wouldn't stand up here a second time because I'm going to try to revive a bill as soon as this is over, and this will probably cost me about another five votes, but if I were too smart or had any brains, I wouldn't be here in the first place. I'd like to touch on a few things that were touched on previously and I think we have, as I said once before when this bill came on the floor, we have created a fourth branch of government. I know that there are those who disagree with me but I feel strongly that we have in this country and I call it the computer and whoever controls that computer is going to control the fourth branch of government. And I will tell you one thing, I wouldn't care if Senator Marvel were sitting in the Governor's chair or Senator Mahoney or Senator Whitney or any other Senator I could name on this floor, I don't think one man should have that much power but whoever sits in that chair in the future can have that much power. It has no reflection, whatsoever, in my estimation either on the party or the persons sitting in that office and I can tell you one thing. The type of guy that is used to squeeze the dough into that machine will dictate what that dough comes out looking like, and if you put a template in that says macaroni, you are going to get macaroni answers and if you put a template on there that says noodles, you are going to get noodle answers, and I will tell you one thing. I think we need, for the best interest of this government in this state, at least five people watching over those machines and hopefully most of the time both parties will be represented in those five as they have been in the past. I think it is unfortunate that this has gotten down to the level of personalities and individuals and petty politics. I can assure you, one and all, that none of these have any bases for my decision on this. I think as my experience on the Budget Committee leads me to believe