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and as a number of employees, and has a lot to do with the record keeping of this state and also has a lot to do, I happen to know quite a bit about that office, that's why I'm picking on that particular office, but that gentlemen happens to be a constitutional officer, an executive officer of the state, and I think that he ought to have some input into the agency which gives out this vital information and takes care of the administration of services for these many employees. In other words there is more than code offices in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Isn't he on advisory capacity even in his position?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Advisory to what?

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Advisory to the Governor. The Governor asks the Attorney General for advice.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: He is certainly not advisory to the Governor. No sir.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: Has he ever asked?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: He is a constitutional officer elected by the people the same as the Governor.

SENATOR RICHENDIFER: No, one of the issues here was that they weren't getting the services from DAS that they thought they should have, now I'm not sure that he has asked for any services everyone else here seems to be well informed on this. I've never had the Attorney General say to me well DAS isn't giving me information.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Let me say to you right now, that I don't have to ask them whether they did or not, I know from personal experience that they not only ask they almost demanded, and there were no answers.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter, do you wish to close on your motion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Am I closing now?

SPEAKER: There is no one else wishes to speak, so you're closing Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. President, we have gone along way this morning and this afternoon, I think it's nothing but good. I'm sometimes surprised when so many people in this body are not engaged in politics, partisan or otherwise. I don't know of a better training ground in the world then this 49 men and women, because until you get here, you have no knowledge of what politics really is, and that's particularly true of all the new members when they come here, I would agree with Senator Snyder, that to elect a Governor, as we have in the past who has no knowledge of the basic philosophy of politics, is not only bad for them, but bad for this body and bad for the people of this state. But that's not the question today, the question is the choice of one or two options. I'm going to read in this 452, I said I was interested basically in one thing, computers, as the Chairman of the executive board, I think I had a great deal of the responsibility and the desire to bring about a staff for this legislature for the first time in it's existence. We now have been authorized 18 people, there not all hired yet, but they will be and they are supposed to be experts, and if they are not experts in the field in which they are employed for it's not the fault of the executive council.