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lo and behold the best people in the Democratic party, the best people, and those are the ones my friends you have to be afraid of. The pass the resolution and nobody knew it except them endorsing Senator Norse, and throwing their own candidate for the United States Senator out who had been elected by the people of the state. One day I was in New York looking for money, I'm always looking for money, even from lobbyists, not directly but otherwise, I'm sure they only give, if they give of their own money not to those they represent, cause people in that category are not interested in public influence and legislation, they're too pure. They dig a hole and drag themselves in to it, and I went in to see Bainbridge Colby, who was the former Secretary of State, I don't how I got in there but I did, I told him what the President of the United States had said, he said yes, he probably appointed you a notary public, so you see this thing you can count your friends by hand, you won't admit it today, maybe, you can count all your friends in politics on one hand and cut off four fingers, and the sooner you get adjusted to the facts of life, the better you enjoy being here, and I say that specifically to the new members here who haven't got their seats seated in to the point where they are willing to accept what eventually they have to accept. In fact it could go on for a long period, but it only illustrates what your up against, and that's exactly what I think it is, and Mr. Piper knows I wasn't specifically talking about this legislature or any member in it, but if the shoe fits you put it on. There is one thing you can't ever deny about me, I tell the people what I think the truth is, and from time to time I change my mind as we all do, that's a necessity, in this body and this life everything is a compromise. If telling the truth precludes me from setting in this body, if telling the truth precludes you from voting for a bill I might have, make the best of it, if the article offended you to the point you don't want to vote for 179, kill it. I sit in this body and I can look, and I can't see any Senator I happen to help not only once but many times, and I can't remember a time which I ever asked you to do a thing for me I didn't think I had to ask you, and if that's what it takes I won't ask you. Now what I give this body it's a little off the subject, well we'll talk about it, we'll discuss it, I appreciate this body allowing me to assume whatever the role might be, in order to expediting business to the point where you do probably be faced with issues otherwise you maybe wouldn't be faced with. I really don't care what you do with any bills I've got, or any amendments out here, I could care less, and I said again I'll say now, I care nothing about Hiram Scott, personally. They have put me in this position because everybody in my district wants that bill, and if you people want to take it away from me that's your privilege. Now Senator Proud does that answer your question in part?

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: No. Ah, certainly my remarks were intended in no way to be attach, an attach on you, you're entitled to your view and I happen to agree with alot of the things you said in this article. I read it with a great deal of interest, but the point I'm trying to make is although I may understand the article the World Herald, goes out to thousands and thousands of people in this state, and when you say would you have the perfect right to do, that politics is a dirty double crossing racket, let's look at that a little bit, certainly there are elements in it, that are dirty and double crossing, but you brand the whole thing as dirty and double crossing and maybe your right and your absolutely entitled to your view, but, we have many professions in this world, and many businesses, business men, labor, physicians