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one other statement in regard to information at the moment and that is that starting with 1937, go back and check the statutes. You will find when the legislative council was first set up, that it spells out in the statutes and this is supplemented with succeeding statutes that it is the right of the legislature to gain all of the information available in this State and that is all we've asking. Nobody that I know of who supports this bill, is asking for more than a fair shake as far as the information is concerned. Second point I wish to make, point number one is the fact that we need information, point number two is, and there are those of you who are fighting this measure, in opposition, saying in effect that we're taking power away from the Governor. Now first of all, I would like to say to you, that the Department of Administrative Services, was never set up for the purpose of giving any branch of Government more power than any other branch of Government. Any of the activities of the department of administrative services, that were supported originally by those of us who helped sponsor this legislation simply took powers and duties for instance, from the State auditor, from the State Treasurer, and other officers and combined them into one department. We were taking, we were not giving the Governor any additional power. We were simply combining the forces so that some how or other, this whole operation of service, the State agencies could be more effective. There is nothing in this bill that I know of that takes power away from the Governor

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