

the auditor's office or another constitutional office perform the services, the kind of services we're talking about here, and no one at least, to my knowledge, no one ever questioned separation of powers or erosion or anything of that kind. It is only now that we attempt to put these people who have these constitutional responsibilities together to face a common problem and make common decision that this is now stated by the governor. Now if those who opposed LB 452 are really sincere then what they will do is bring in a bill for a constitutional amendment to abolish all other constitutional offices, but the Governor's office and make all these offices appointive. Now if this is done, I submit that then the Governor or any Governor or all the Governors that have opposed this, can have their way and have a strong government. Maybe this is what certain people want, if they do I think the people of Nebraska ought to vote on it, but we ought to vote on it honestly as a constitutional matter and that is what we ought to do rather than to hide behind and talk about erosion and invasion of separation of powers. I say again we have nothing to fear in having these constitutional officers who are duly elected by the people, who are responsible to the people, who have staffed themselves of employees, hundreds of employees who ought, ought to have that same input as the governors office, code offices have. They are all, I repeat, they are all executive offices. Then one other point, I wish to make and that is that I personally feel although it has been charged as we debated this bill before that this is a partisan political activity, this is not a partisan political activity. To me, as a strong supporter of former Governor Tiemann, I was just as concerned about the assumption of authority and powers by DAS under the former administration as I am under the present administration. It has nothing to do with the personalities involved as far as I am concerned. This bill gives, simply means to give the people the necessary services they are intitled to and as Senator Marvel said, I repeat that including the legislature.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Marsh, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, there are officials who have not levy the legislature but many of these officials have admitted upon being questioned privately, that even under former Governors who support the present system, that information then was not available to them. Or was inaccurate. Or simply not available at all. It was created as a tool for government, for State government not exclusively for the State Governor. These various departments have had to keep duplicate records in order to know what their money was at a particular time and they still have to do this after this has been in effect for seven years. The only way they can accurately know what their fiscal standing is, is to check with the State Treasurer, not have the records available to them, through DAS, there fore I would urge you to support LB 452.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. Still speaking on the motion to, should LB 452 be passed notwithstanding the objection of the Governor. Senator Keyes, just a second, may I interrupt here, before you get going, I have 34 six graders from Syracuse Elementary school and six adults up there in the balcony watching the activities today, in the north balcony. They are from Senator Cal Carstens district and their instructor is Mrs. Schacht and we're delighted to have you here today to watch the activities here of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. We're debating the possibility of the over ride