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itself, not to really a separation of powers question, but whether or not there's respect for Senator Marvel. I think that the issue is big enough to be decided on a basis other than whether you like Senator Marvel or dislike him, whether you like the Governor or dislike the Governor. There's going to have to come a time in the legislative lives of the men sitting in this chamber when some issues are decided on their merit. I've made up my mind about the bill and I don't care what the editor of the Lincoln Journal, he's a nice fellow most of the time, the editor of the Lincoln Star who's a nice fellow most of the time, I imagine, I don't know what the World Herald has said but he's a bad fellow most of the time and they all come together and this is why I listen with great interest to what Senator Fellman and others have to say about three former Governors being against this bill in the same way that Governor Exon is and they belonged to different political parties. Connally was wearing the name of Democrat but he is really a Republican in disguise all the time and now he's coming clean and I notice that when the big Democrat went to the Republicans, then on the State level, there was an individual who felt that the record should be made straight and a balance should be struck again so he went from the Republicans to the Demagogues. I'm talking about the distinguished Senator Snyder so now that the parties have been evened up again, we can get right to the issue and see what party label a man wears, is not really the way you can determine what his votes are going to be on a certain issue. Maybe Jesse James and Frank James and the Dalton Brothers all belonged to different political parties but when time came to go work on the railroad or work for the bank, then they all were members of the same gang so perhaps being Governors would give these men more in common than alliance they have to their particular political party so I think the fact that Ex-Governor Morrisson who is now a public defender, again feeding at the public trough, Governor Crosby, Ex-Governor Crosby who I used to think was related to that singer who is not a friend of Bob Hope and that other one that they mention and he just got a job with the Federal Government. One is now a public defender, the other is a very capable lobbyist, the third has a job with the Federal Government and the fourth one who now sits in the Governor's chair is also getting public money, so I think that their interests and their loyalties can be determined by these considerations as well as others. I don't believe this bill is going to be voted on this morning on the basis of its merit. It's going to be a matter of whether some people like Senator Marvel and some people don't like the Governor. I'm going to level with you, I don't like what the Legislature did on LB 259. If I was going to carry a personal thing far enough, I'd vote against this bill just to laugh at the Legislature. I don't like what the Governor has done but that didn't cause me to try to stop some foolish action on 259 and to the editors of these newspapers, the reporters are here, they're not responsible. One newspaper referred to the Legislature as 49 pussycats as opposed to a tiger in the Governor's office. How are they going to call me a pussycat? Now I did everything I could do to delay the passage of LB 259. I swallowed my pride and came out here and tried to talk Mr. Exon into vetoing that bill and it didn't work. I tried to offer a repealer and that didn't work and that man is going to sit over there in that editorial office and call me a pussycat. The thing I feel is that we allow sometimes, men who sit in editorial offices to have an inordinate amount of influence on the votes that occur