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going to be very brief before Senator Hon--Mahoney moves the question but I'm going to reiterate what I first said on the floor when this bill first came before the Legislature: In essence it is this; the Budget Committee supported this bill unanimously, a Budget Committee made up of all types of individuals as you will well recognize. I supported that measure then and I continue to support it now, not for the State of Nebraska or against the State of Nebraska or for or against the Governor or for or against Marvel, Carpenter or anyone else. I think we see in Watergate and the problems of the National Government what is happening in government in America. In essence it is this: It is getting more and more complex. It is getting more and more run by machines and more and more it is too much in spite of what our young illustrious Senator from Bellevue says, it is a mistake to dump all the power into one man and I say it's a mistake in Nebraska, I say it's a mistake for any other state and I think that the time has come in this country when we better start looking at how complex government really is and I, for one, whether it be the President of the United States or the Governor of this State or any other state, do not want to see all the power residing in one individual. I think it is not for the best interests of democracy and that is the reason I support this bill. It has nothing to do with parties, labels, Senators or anything else. I think it has to do with what is happening in America and if you don't know what's happening in America, you better pick up your paper again and read it over this morning.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney, then Senator Cavanaugh, then Senator Kremer.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, Senator Stahmer was already making up my mind that I was going to move the previous question but he got involved in machines and Watergates and all other kinds of things, and so I will not become part of the dogfight and get in the center of this thing. Everyone knows how I'm going to vote from my previous testimony here on this floor when I first opposed it, I was the first voice up and so very, very briefly, I would mention the fact that I think Senator Richendifer gave the opportunity for Senator Carpenter to give one of his most clever performances today and then he was followed by the opportunity of his friend behind him, Senator Chambers who even went a little further into it and so if we had two angry men in the Legislature today, we'd have to say that they were able to perform and do their best and so I pass this over to Senator Cavanaugh and then I hope we get the previous question because I think it's about time. I had my job yesterday with Senator Kremer and I don't think I'll have a second day at it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh. Still debating the motion, shall LB 452 be passed notwithstanding the objection of the Governor.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well Mr. President and Members of the body. I think I'll hold my remarks very br--I wasn't going to speak at all today. I think everyone knows how I feel about this piece of legislation and I certainly am never the equal of either Senator Carpenter or Senator Chambers and so I won't attempt to follow their magnificent performances.

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