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Senator Cavanaugh stated it represents the ideology, if you will, and I think just like a religion, we term anyone who is involved in the practicing of religious doctrine and Clergymen. But still while we revere all those who serve in that capacity our personal choice is based upon which particular philosophy that clergyman espouses. And not only in the case of the Attornee General, I think that the efforts that are underway not only in this state, but seemingly nationwide sometimes to believe that there is something angelical about being a partisan politician, I have to totally disagree with. And I would say to begin to further that demize here in the Nebraska Legislature would certainly be a tragic mistake and thus I would hope that we would not allow this bill to be introduced. A And if it is introduced either in this fashion or another fashion, that is resoundly defeated. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I rise very briefly to oppose this measure. And therefore, I would oppose the introduction also. I probably have been involved as intimately during the last couple of months with some of the questions involved in this proposal as anyone in this room. But I would like to point out that there are many of us who feel, and I think that there is a rather, at least a strong minority in this room in this body, who feel that this body itself should become partisan, because the partisan quality would add a new dimension of strength to the Legislature. And certainly not detract. It seems to me the same is true of the Office of Attorney General which is a major and not a minor office in the State of Nebraska. The reason it has been considered as it has, is partly is as much history as anything else, but it looks to me at least that in this coming election the race for Attorney General will be far from a monor race. Will certainly be a major race. There is no bar to anyone who doesn't want to participate as a partisan from participating in the Attorney General's race. Someone could file as an independent by petition exactly the way Senator Chambers has announced he intends to file for Governor. But I don't think that we should throw away the strength that can come from political parties, both parties and what they can add. The political process itself is strengthened by party organization. Where it has failed it has been a failure of people to make the system work far more than a failure of the system. We've seen a dramatic lesson during the last year or so in Washington with the Federal Government with a situation where the Office of the Attorney General has been part of the administrative procedure. A procedure of the administration itself. We have a strength in this state when the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Justice is independent of the major executive office. And it should remain that way. It deserves the political strength that is given to it by remaining within the parties. If anything, it seems to me the logical debate, if there is to be one about the Office of Attorney General should be to resurrect a fight that would solve ten or twelve years ago when a Constitutional ban which prohibited the Attorney General from running for the Governor's office was eliminated. That constitutional prohibition, which I understand Nebraska was one of the few and last states to maintain, served in the eyes of many to keep the Office of Attorney General out of politics because you could not move from Attorney General to Governor. Most states did away with that prohibition and Nebraska did to. That..that change put the Office of the Attorney General in the main political channel. It hasn't operated that way in