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the last ten or twelve years in this state. It could. It seems to me that the political process itself is healthy and if anything should be strengthened. I think this bill would do the opposite. And I would oppose the bill and I would encourage those who are opposed to the bill to stop the debate before it gets started and to vote against this measure now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well Mr. President and members of the body. I am almost shocked that Senator Fellman's words that the debate should be stopped before it started because I think that is the essence of good government is to have debate and to make observations on key points of government that should perhaps have questions raised concerning them. And I think Senator Fellman's points about Watergate, etc., are exactly the reasons perhaps this bill should be given consideration, because in Washington indeed we had a tie between administration. And I'm not blaming this administration, I think it is a frame work of our current Federal Government. But we have ties between the so-called Independent Attorney General and the President, we have similar ties because of party here in the State. And I notice that we do not have the judges running on political labels. Oh, no. This is supposed to be independent. But why when it comes to the Attorney General should this same consideration not be given also. I think that Senator Chambers has a bill that he wants introduced that is certainly worthy of consideration by this entire body and especially in view of Watergate, I laud him in his efforts.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis and then Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I rise also in citing that the arguments that I heard by Senator Snyder and Senator Fellman were, I think the argument that would favor the introduction of this legislation and that is to keep the office of the Attorney General out of politics. It is actually Senator Stahmer sort of said what I wished to say, and that is that the judges are not elected by political party, therefore, I think that the Constitution that is, the Attorney General who would prosecute and those who would adjudicate should not be controlled in any manner, shape or form by political party. I sincerely believe that the Attorney General should be nonpartisan so that he could pursue an absolute free course. No doubt he might anyway, but the stigma would be there if he was elected by political party that he might pretend to favor one party or the other, and I think that stigma must be taken from our courts and our court system entirely. And I certainly would be in favor of such a measure as Senator Chambers is trying to introduce.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, I think I understand what Senator Chambers has on his mind. I am in disagreement what he is trying to do, all of it, but not now. Senator Chambers is attempting to represent the independent though of this state. He is looking for companionship and comfort. And I don't think he is going to find it because this body is partisan. He is spinning his wheels, but I don't think he is going to die of a broken heart if the bill isn't passed by this body. After all are we saying for example that in this body we are afraid of the introduction of a bill. We are concerned