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can pass the buck and nobody is, in fact, responsible for anything that's done by the party. Donations can be given to the party which is given to an individual would be traceable and accountable. I think this is not the proper thing to do. Not just because this is a Unicameral Legislature and the only one in the country and because it is non-partisan but I see great evils in partisanship. I don't see that much advantage in a two-party system. Those of you who like to refer to history and talk about the founding of the Republic, you know that the men who are referred to as the founding fathers of this Country were opposed to political parties. There's no cognizance taken of them in the U. S. Constitution. Everything was done to discourage the formulation. Everything done now, I think, should be in the same direction. If there's going to be political parties, there should be a great proliferation. So that there is genuine competition. If you have two individuals in one business dealing with the same product like say the production and packaging and sale of breakfast foods, those two realize that the best way for both of them to profit most is not to compete.....

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with each other but to join forces and form what's known as a monopoly and fix prices, working conditions, wages and hours, and totally control an industry. In politics, the same thing obtains. I disagree with practically everything George Wallace has ever said but he made one statement which is...statement which shows that even the Devil speaks truth on occasion. He said if you look at the two major parties, meaning the Democrats and Republicans, there is not a dime's worth of difference between them. No matter how heated a campaign is between these two parties, no matter how much one candidate vilifies the other. When the election is over, they all join ranks and the two will seem like they should have been at war in the streets because they had such deep ethical differences with each other, they join ranks and work together which shows that the whole political process, the whole election system in this County is a sham. There is no such thing as a loyal opposition. There is really no opposition. If you put two men on a podium, one a Democrat, one a Republican, talking about a controversial issue and each one was not labeled, you couldn't really tell which one was which unless you knew the particular position that his party had taken in advance because on issues where they are not dictated to by the party, there's not going to be that much difference, when they lay out their platforms. Each one tries to find out what the other one is going to say so that their platform can be as similar to that as possible but slightly different enough so that they can say, here's the difference between a Democrat and a Republican. With what Nixon is saying now about what Johnson had done, what Kennedy had done to put the Country into the war in Vietnam, you see that it doesn't matter what party that much is in power in this Country because there are interest groups behind the scenes that dictate what either party is going to do. There is a visible government that sits in this Legislature and that sits in Congress in Washington and there is an invisible government which calls the shots. These people never stand for election. They don't sit in offices. Their names sometimes are not even known. A concrete example is