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Chairman of the Exec Board, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and so on right on down to the janitor.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, if the Lieutenant Governor moves up and becomes Governor that vacates the position of Lieutenant Governor, is that right?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR FOWLER: And then does that new Governor get to appoint the next Lieutenant Governor?

SENATOR MURPHY: That would be my understanding of it, Senator, and it would bear out the probability that we might get a conflict of succession bringing two parties into the of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. So essentially if this is passed, there would be no hope for the Speaker to ever become Governor on a permanent basis?

SENATOR MURPHY: No, it would be my understanding that were he appointed to the Chair of Lieutenant Governor which is a full time job. Of course, he would no longer be Speaker, but if the Governor should designate him Lieutenant Governor, then certainly he would move from Lieutenant Governor to Governor as any other Lieutenant Governor would.

SENATOR FOWLER: That would be up to the new Governor then?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SENATOR FOWLER: Do you have any idea, is there anything that concerns you about the current Lieutenant Governor that made you bring this in, any plans you have or anything?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I had thought about a parade in Dallas but I have been discouraged from encouraging that motion and certainly I would not want to do that today.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly, Keyes, I am sorry.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Lewis, we do add distinction to this name once in awhile.

SENATOR LEWIS: I apologize Senator Keyes.