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not wear a distinguishing uniform and I may actually participate in some kind of activity while in effect I am on duty? I think we know that obviously has happened you know.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Schmit, the law in both cases says you are not to engage in political activities during working hours and not in uniform. So in both cases, the reason we are doing this is because...make this part of the law comply with the other laws and to, since there was a specific law for sheriffs, we are making this comply with other laws that deal with all state employees so we are not discriminating in any way. In fact, we are making it comparable to other statutes in this area.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But you are trying to specifically state that you do not choose to have state employees while at state expense or while on duty with the state to be carrying out political activities, is that right?

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no objection to that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I must make a couple of comments first. The nature of law enforcement separates it from every other type of department of government. Law enforcement officers, specifically sheriff's deputies, have discretionary powers to kill, to utilize lethal or deadly force. They have the authority to stop people for traffic infractions. They can arrest on suspicion which they might later define as probable cause. So when you are going to allow these people cloaked with this much power to participate actively in political campaigns even if they do not wear a uniform, there is still the possibility of the misuse of the powers of law enforcement that they have. If a person goes into certain avocations, there will sometimes be restrictions attached to that pursuit which will not attach to others. For example, lawyers are not to conduct themselves as jackasses in public unless it is in the court room, so when they become lawyers, they know that there is certain restrictions on their conduct that will not apply to lay persons. Doctors have certain restrictions placed on them. So when we come to those who enforce the law, sheriff's deputies, I think you ought to consider this issue very carefully, think a long time before you authorize them to participate in political activities. It would be easy to indicate to a person that if you don't