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the private sector, not government oriented or government sponsored, but privately sponsored that probably should be supervised by "the government". It would appear to me, Senator Newell, that if this would be the case....we are trying to regulate those private groups, that we would eliminate from LB 485 all other such employees or operators of truth and decency...no truth and deception.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR KELLY: And I would visit with you after we have this on the record, Senator Newell, to attempt an amendment that would remove all governmental employees from LB 485 and allow the government its police function over its citizens.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, let me explain again. This is an amendment, and maybe I haven't done a very good job. This is an amendment....this is a bill that would basically license, as we do many other professions, nurses, doctors, lawyers, you know, the whole range of psychologists and other professionals...people who are involved or use in their job the lie detector or the stress...voice stress machines that basically help determine whether someone is telling the truth or not. Now these are used throughout the industry, many different industries, to try to help gather information about what an employee does and so forth, and this would just basically license them, lay out who will be the ones that develops the regulations, which is the Secretary of State. We don't add a big bureaucracy or anything like that. And basically set out a test so that we have professionalism because oftentimes the exams... the results of these exams can have a great deal of influence on an individual who may fail or pass the test and so forth. And that is all we are doing. Senator Kelly, we are going to regulate this as we do for everyone whether the government uses, a governmental agency uses them or a governmental agency doesn't use them. The individual person, Senator Kelly, at the State Patrol, the individual who does run the machine out there will have to be licensed as would all professionals throughout the state, and that is what this does. And with that I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Newell amendment to LB 485. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Voting on the Newell amendment to 485. Have you all