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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, a question of Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR COPE: The composition of the board, having lay people on, do the attorneys police themselves? I mean, do they try to just like this motor vehicle board, police themselves? Do the attorneys do this?

SENATOR BUETLER: The attorneys, I believe the...I would have to defer to another lawyer because we have had some changes recently too, and I don't know what the present composition of the board is. Attorneys do generally try to police themselves.

SENATOR COPE: Yes, the Bar Association, I guess is the... All right, then I am going to ask, do you have about half of the people that are lay people in the Bar Association that do the policing?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just can't answer that question for you, but I can tell you this. If you are asking me whether I would apply this philosophy to attorneys as well as to the motor vehicle people, my answer is, yes, I would.

SENATOR COPE: All right. I would like to ask another attorney. Senator Hoagland, could you answer that question?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, there are lay members on the boards that discipline both attorneys and judges, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: All right, what percentage?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, you will recall the constitutional amendment that we just voted on a couple of weeks ago relating to disciplining judges, remember that constitutional amendment?

SENATOR COPE: Yes, that is judges but I am talking about the Bar Association just as a group of attorneys.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, you will recall Senator Hasebrook, before he passed away, was a member of the board that reviewed the discipline of attorneys as opposed to judges. Now I can't tell you what the percentage of nonlawyers on that board is, Senator Cope, but like Senator Beutler, I