

same thing. So if there are members on this floor afraid to state the truth, I am not. My job is to tell the truth every time I speak. Now if there is information I don't have which causes my remarks to be untrue, I would like to know what that information is. But based on what I have seen this session of the Legislature, virtue has been dethroned and politics rules and governs all. Now there was a point I wanted to be sure and make. The goal, as I stated, the announced goal of the Republican Party is to influence redistricting, obviously to be sure that Republicans replace Democrats and in my case an Independent if they thought they could find somebody to unseat me, and I don't care what steps they take to try to unseat me. However, I will do all I can to make sure that equity is observed in the redistricting of this body, and if it became necessary for me to file a lawsuit in Federal Court to overturn an improper redistricting, that I would be prepared to do. Fortunately, the courts are not controlled by the Republican Party. They are not controlled by the Governor. They are not controlled by a collection of various senators who can intimidate other senators.

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Government Committee has Democrats, Republicans, the only Independent and also a woman. So if you want to talk about a mix, there it is. But primarily for the integrity of the Legislature and the reference process, this bill should go to Government Committee.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on, I would like to introduce on behalf of Senator Maresh, Stephen Songster of Exeter. Where is Stephen? Is he seated under the north balcony? Welcome, Stephen, welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the body, I am a member of the Government Committee and have been such for the past two years. One of the major functions of our committee has been to look at election measures and in election procedures and in election districts. We have spent many, many hours pouring over bills brought to us by our Secretary of State to change election procedures by bills brought to us by various members to change the manner of electing Directors say to the Natural Resource Districts, the manner of electing persons to City Council in Omaha and elsewhere. Our committee, the Government Committee, truly is the