

studies on education. Now, remember the governors appointed the people to these task forces. Does it strike anybody funny that whether they were Republicans or Democrats, they always came back and said let's take away the right to elect the regents and give it to the governor. Now I'm a Democrat. I know the World Herald will print that because even though we are a nonpartisan Legislature, they made it a point the other day to say Senator Pappas has now made it 24 to 24. So I don't think we have to worry any more about this being a nonpartisan Legislature, no matter how many editorials they write about how it should be. They are the ones that always point out what the count is. So, for their records, the Democrat got up and said she is against the present Governor, who is a Democrat, appointing the regents. I'm going to be against the Republican, if we ever have one again. You know some day we might. I don't understand the rationale. We have a University. We've got the regents. You know I had to go over there to the Board of Regents one summer and fight with them for my district. Two of those regents were so insulting to me I couldn't believe it, Koefoot and Schwartzkopf. I told them, I said, gentlemen, if you ever come before a committee in the Legislature that I serve on, I guarantee you I'll be a lot more courteous to you than you've been to me today. So here is a chance for Marge Higgins to really get even with those regents and vote not to let them run for office. Marge Higgins has to think about what is best for the people. Where do government appointments come from? You know it and I know it, it is whoever puts the most money in the pocket that has the most influence with the governors. I don't care if it is Kerrey, or Thone, or Trieman or Exon. We've seen bills vetoed for no reason other than somebody else had more influence with the governors. This appointed board is going to be appointed according to the people who put the most money in the campaign pot. The argument was made to me that, yes, but at least this way poor people will be able to serve. Are you kidding me? You mean to tell me when the president of a bank that put several thousand dollars into the governor's campaign walks in and says I want Joe Blow, who is president of this insurance company, to be a board of regent, and...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...get all those free football tickets. You mean to tell me that any governor is going to say, no, I want this little house frau appointed regent? I mean let's