

that which has the least value. So that is why in many instances the reporting is other than what the person reported on would desire. I was accused in a story the other day, but this is a minor thing, of saying that the passage of Amendment 4 or whatever it was was why I opposed Senator Eret's bill. Senator DeCamp made that argument, not me. Maybe we look alike. We're both short. I was trying to see if John is listening. It's not enough to merely...for a reporter to be inaccurate or to write an embarrassing story for us to say that something ought to be done about the media. With the amount of things they write and the kind of work they are required to do nobody can expect them to have everything right all of the time. It would be wholesome I think for the Legislature because so many times stories are written about what we do to just have a good discussion of what the media can legitimately be expected to do. We can consider sometimes how we'll speak on an issue on the spur of the moment and maybe say something that tomorrow we have to say I wasn't quite correct on that and the same could happen to a reporter. I was upset the other day when I was erased by the World Herald editor. They were talking about the breakdown in the number of people in the Legislature and said, the Legislature is now divided evenly 24-24 so I came down here the next day and still saw 49 names up there, but 24 plus 24 are 48.

FRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What became of one senator to...me? We're egotistical. We have arrogance. We have self-esteem. The editor said I didn't exist in his headline, but that's not enough for me to say the media are irresponsible or they ought to have the clamps brought on them. Some people wish literally I'd go away. When the media exposed Watergate they all want to take the credit after Nixon was brought down and the whole truth was known, but when Woodward and Bernstein were originally doing their uncovering, they were condemned and criticized by the media at large. But when it's developed that they were right, everybody loves a winner, here comes the media saying we've done a great job, this is why you need us, but we need to find out just how they conducted themselves when the heat was on. What I would like to see is this bill brought out here so that we can have a full blown discussion. I've spoken twice. That's the only number of times you can speak on an issue.