newspaper comes out with something and Senator Beutler reacts. I want to ask you this, is it using the position in the Legislature for political purposes to constantly come out as goody two shoes? I alone was the one that told Senator Chambers, personally, I didn't do it by letter and I didn't have all the other senators backing me up, but I told Chambers I don't agree with you on Khadafy. Nobody in the news media mentioned that. I recall yesterday when we debated a bill and afterwards, when we had debated the constitutional salary increases, I was the only one at that time that stood up and had spoken against it. Senator Withem stood up immediately after I made my remarks and said, it is easy to make speeches like this in an election year. And I told the body I took that as a personal insult. Withem later came to me and said, gee, I wasn't in the Chamber when you made your remarks, tell me what you said, and I told him. He said, I didn't mean that for you, Marge, I meant it for all 24 senators who are running for office. And I said, well, I was the only one that got up and spoke. But I also said yesterday, or when we debated the constitutional salaries, that had Withem been here in 1981 and 1982 he would have known that I opposed those raises then because the state needed the money and we couldn't increase their salaries while asking the people to tighten their belts.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But what did the Lincoln paper write after Senator Withem's remarks? They wrote that Marge Higgins, a gubernatorial candidate, had made a speech against raising the constitutional salaries. Immediately after that they printed Withem's remarks saying it was easy to get up now and make a speech for what would appear to be political purposes. Now I didn't come back with an amendment about newspapers. I didn't circulate a letter asking the senators to sign it and condemn Withem for his remarks. I'm just questioning every time any newspaper writes anything are we going to be subject to amendments from Senator Beutler who says he is not using his position on the legislative floor for political purposes. I submit to you it is beginning to look that way to me.

PRESIDENT: Time is expiring.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.