

SENATOR DECAMP: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, does that constitutional amendment place a mandatory duty on the Attorney General and the Secretary of State to work in conjunction to enforce the provisions of that proposition?

SENATOR DECAMP: Certainly it does.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a public official, knowing what his or her duty is, fails to carry that duty out, could that be considered, and we know that the term "misdemeanor in office" does not necessarily mean a crime, could that be considered a misdemeanor in office, would failure to do one's duty?

SENATOR DECAMP: Of course.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And is there a remedy provided in the Constitution to the Legislature in case such an official is found?

SENATOR DECAMP: At least one official, within recent memory, has discovered there is a remedy.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And what we are talking about is impeachment. We have opened the can and I think we ought to consider everything. Senator DeCamp and others have said that there are people on whom this Initiative will be enforced, and they don't realize it, and now we should insist that the Attorney General enforce that Initiative, in other words, do his duty. Well, if we are going to compel the Attorney General to do his duty, I think there is a clear duty for us. If it is determined that the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, both constitutional officers, have not done their duty and there is a mandatory duty imposed on them by the Constitution, then the Legislature should begin drafting Articles of Impeachment. And I will say that those who have alleged that the Attorney General has not done his job ought to do as I did with the Attorney General when I felt he was in violation of his duty. I submitted a resolution of impeachment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if these other senators do not, they