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to make it. So the fact that it is difficult has nothing to do with the merits of the situation. He said that Senator Marsh has been good, and faithful, and a hard-working senator, and has worked long hours. All those things fit me. They fit Senator DeCamp. They fit a number of people in this body. So, that alone is not enough to carry the argument that they were trying to make. He said that to vote in favor of this motion is a repudiation of Senator Marsh. The meaning of any vote is in the mind and the eye of the one considering it or arguing it. Then Senator Vard Johnson stood and he mentioned similar things about Senator Marsh, and then went into some specifics that she had achieved such as the ladies restroom, watching over the budget and protecting it from assault by the Governor. I guess that is who he meant. And he said she would bring to this position history, tradition, and experience. She had been a faithful vice-chairman and had served in that position for a period of time. That is interesting because in January I gave all those arguments as to why Senator Vard Johnson should have supported me for chairman of the Judiciary Committee, had been on that committee longer than any senator in this Legislature. I brought history, tradition, and experience. I had been hard-working, dedicated, and very effective, not only in pushing for worthwhile legislation, but sifting out a lot of the trash and garbage that traditionally comes to that committee, and still does, and which I still try to sift out. Have I achieved anything of significance? Well, all senators get expenses now during the session which they never had gotten before because the Attorney General said in 1937, the year of my birth, that it would not happen, and he probably said at the time, unless some baby is born this year that is going to change this, this will be the law. But that baby was born, which is me. I was a baby at one time, small, cute; all babies are cute. All mothers love their babies. She did not drown me. She fed me, clothed me, changed my diapers, and here I am today, to the benefit of the Legislature, at least as far as expenses would go. The impeachment of the Attorney General was based on my resolution which nobody would co-sign with me. So, with all of those achievements, all of those credentials, a political decision was made that I should not be chairman of the Judiciary Committee. So, if the principles being articulated today were the ones followed by this body in all instances, I would have no problem accepting the arguments of Senator Johnson, Senator Hoagland and others and say