

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there is a tremendous difference between a lawsuit and the power of the Legislature. In the first case, with the matter of what one has to do in the case of a legal matter in a lawsuit, it is a grant of authority and a limited grant of authority at that. You have to play inside the ground rules that are given to you. The Legislature, however, and the Constitution is in fact, with respect to the powers of the Legislature, a limitation of our authority, not a grant of authority. What happens is there is, in constitutional principles, the inherent power to do the function of this branch of government. The Constitution is not a grant of authority to the Legislature in that sense, but a limitation on our authority. Everything that is not limited we are empowered to do in this situation. There is that...the question, the analogy of what goes on in a court room and what we, as a branch of government, are entitled to do is a mistaken premise because the nature of the grant of authority is different in the two circumstances.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, as wide ranging as the discussion is in terms of the power of the Legislature and what comes within the call, I think anything along that line can be discussed. What we are having here, and we all know it, is not really a discussion of constitutional principles. Those are the words being used, but they mask the real issue. It is a fight between the demagogues and "repelicans". When Thone was here the "repelicans" were in the driver's seat and I sat and watched them run roughshod, including those they call the clones of Thone, over the rest of the Legislature. Now there is a Democrat Governor and it is simply different people mouthing the same words that the other side mouthed before. What it really demonstrates is that between the two political parties there is not a dime's worth of difference between the two. When it comes to philosophical principles at the state level, there is nothing that brings one party in sharp relief against the other. We are dealing with a situation between the ins and the outs. As far as the Governor's Office, the demagogues are temporarily in. With the next election, they will definitely be out. The very ones now advocating the right of the Governor to do certain things will be opposing it because there will be a Governor