

will be your third time now, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I believe so, but this is all that I need. I want to read from this morning's Lincoln Star. And I have mentioned this yesterday, but I want to show that somebody else said it for the public. "The debate Tuesday also marked the first time the incoming administration of Governor-elect Kay Orr became openly involved in the special session. State budget administrator Larry Bare and Deputy Treasurer John Rochford, both of whom Orr has named in her administration, were seen lobbying on the state school aid proposal. Although Bare said his lobbying was on behalf of the Kerrey administration, Rochford acknowledged he was working on behalf of Orr." Now they should be burning up this newspaper and burning down the Lincoln Star if they are upset that I state what happened as a matter of fact. Don't hate the messenger, hate the message. If the evil is there, I am not the evil one. Now, this is one of those issues on which people can differ obviously. The school aid measure is one on which people can differ obviously, but that school aid bill got 24 votes and then when these people got busy a lot of those votes fell off. Now that is a political reality and some of us have to deal with those realities, but there might be a question of ethics and propriety in this kind of activity, whether somebody who is not officially a part of the Governor's Office should assume those prerogatives and send employees who work for the treasurer's office over here to lobby the Legislature. Had this happened at the federal level there would be the same kind of outcry but there wouldn't be one lone voice crying in the wilderness, but some of us assume those responsibilities and discharge them. Now Senator Smith is angry at some of the things that I have said, didn't mention her by name one time, not one time, did not look at her one time while I was talking. So there are other people here also who are probably angry at what I said and I get angry at what some people do. I don't like the lobbying effort that was undertaken yesterday and as a representative and the right and the power to speak on this floor, I speak for the record and say what I feel about what is happening and I expect to continue to do so. I would hope that others would do the same, but there have been too many times in this Legislature when I have had to deal with an issue that others would not touch and not only senators, but even lobbyists and sometimes reporters, yes, reporters, come up to me afterward, but there will not be a word uttered so that anybody else or any other ear can hear. And I speak the way I do because I know what the truth is and I know who the people are who have been lobbied and I know who the people are who will