

me that instead of removing something from the frying pan, all this does is really up the burner and adds some grease to the skillet. I think this is going off in a worse direction than we were at the beginning. Seems to me it would be a little bit like picking up some of the arguments the other day, as if we would take the office of the Attorney General and say that a commission should be appointed to nominate the deputies to serve the Attorney General and to have them approved by the, by the Legislature or the office of the Secretary of State with the duties that the former deputy, Senator Luedtke, outlined the other day. Maybe we should appoint a commission and have those, that commission name the deputies and then we would have an extra check and balance. If we were to do that and carry it out to the absurd, it's obvious that we're decimating the role of the Secretary of State or the role of the Attorney General and I think that's what we're doing here and if we buy this amendment with all respects to Senator Burbach, we're adding two or three levels of politics that weren't even there at the beginning. I can't see this at all.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. President, it seems like the Democrats are protesting too much. They're advocating what they're complaining about. For the time being I'm a Democrat for whatever that means. But I'm more interested in legislation than I am party loyalty or figuring out excuses in order to defeat a bill in some form. Now all Senator Burbach does, it takes out and puts, the only thing left in the bill, that's computers and that's the only thing, speaking for myself, I'm interested, is the maintenance and the bringing about of the consolidation of computers throughout this state on all levels of government. You mean to tell me, for example, the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska and the Auditor and the Secretary of State and the Treasurer are so impartial or partial to the point that merely because they're Republicans, in the appointment of members in the commission and things like that, they're not trustworthy? What kind of an argument is this? It has no balance. It has no validity, it doesn't have anything to it. We had a bill, the amendment the other day which Senator Marvel was not in sympathy with and I don't think he embraces this too tightly either but at least he has given, he has accepted a compromise and that's more than the Democrats in this body and the front office are willing to do. This in the present shape is a good bill and if we got 25 votes to pass it, we ought to pass it and if the Governor of this State in this form sees fit to veto it, then we ought to pass it over his veto and the bill in this form, I think we got enough votes to do it. There comes a time when all reasonable people have to compromise and this is one of these times and I don't think the partisanship has anything to do with it. No one ever said the Democratic party was perfect, even with me in it and certainly never the--by the acquisition of the Republican party either. This is a good bill. It's not what everybody wants, of course, and what is that's controversial? But it's a bill which you ought to have and I would hope you would pass this bill with whatever the votes are necessary. If the Governor sees fit to veto it in its present form, I'm one who's going to vote to override it.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body. I'd briefly like to second what Senator Carpenter just said and I much admire the two young Senators from Omaha who have spoken in opposition but I think that Senator Carpenter has pointed out often on this floor, we don't get perfection, we do get compromise, we--you only get perfection in your own mind if you're the only Senator in the body. Ultimately, mostly, we