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often I stand on this floor and compliment Senator Syas but I wish to do so at this time.

PRESIDENT: Well, I had Senator Kennedy, he's passing. Senator Carstens, Fred Carstens, he's passing. Let's see, Senator Barnett. Actually, wait a minute....Senator DeCamp, your light was on, then it was off and then I couldn't find you a while ago. Do you want to be heard on the Syas motion here? Well, actually we're trying to confine the remarks to the Syas amendment to LB649.

SENATOR DE CAMP: All right, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. In 1971, I sponsored a partisan legislature bill. I listened to all the arguments. I was sure this is God's way of electing representatives for this Body and should be the proper way. More responsibility, more this, more that, all the noble arguments. 1972, 1973....I strongly supported the partisan legislature and voted for it. 1974, I'm totally disenchanted and will vote against a partisan legislature and will vote against any attempt to even moderately change it which the amendment would do....to anything other than a non-partisan legislature. Reasons why. My observations of both Republican and Democratic parties in recent year and particularly in recent months is enough to disenchant anybody from wanting to pay the game of trying to hack up the other party. Both of them have apparently lost sight of doing much for the people or being concerned about the people. The Republicans are on the defensive. They're in trouble. And the Democrats have only one concern, to attack the enemy full speed and not worry about much else. And so in this 1974 senatorial legislative races, we've seen both parties become actively involved trying to find their strong Republican candidate who can prove that a Republican can win despite Watergate and the Democrats raising up candidates to prove that the Democrats will win because of Watergate. I think we'd better leave the Legislature non-partisan and keep it free from what is clearly strictly politics and the improper influences that at least are occurring in this nation at this time. We're maybe the only pearl of beauty in terms of non-partisanship and I think we'd better keep it that way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, Mr. President and fellow members. I apologize for not being in here but I was involved in some discussions. But at this time I'd like to speak and I did not speak on a partisan or non-partisan Legislature before. I've always felt in the past six years that I've served in here that the non-partisan Legislature is real good and to me if you would visit, which I have had the privilege of visiting in California not once but many times, I'd like to give just a brief background that two years ago in California, I was invited to visit with Governor Ronald Reagan. Some of you have seen the personal autographed picture that he gave me. And I think that's great. We did discuss public health, welfare problems and we sat privately in his office for an hour and forty-five minutes. He was very interested in what we were doing in the State of Nebraska. The first thing he said to me and probably because of the name and the title, Senator Kennedy, he said, I'm sure that your Unicameral is non-partisan from what you say but nobody can say any particular body is non-partisan. I said, yes, I'm sure I can convince you that our Unicameral is non-partisan because.... when I came into the Nebraska Unicameral, there were 40