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within this body but outside of this body. So on all of these issues despite the likelihood that the position I advocate will not prevail, I nevertheless must speak on those issues and advocate my position as strongly and as effectively as I can. I do not feel that a law such as that which was cited by Senator Landis is adequate to prevent the type of coercion that can be brought to bear in instances that this law will encourage. It is not something that is being clamored for by the deputy sheriffs. Remember that. You did not have a deputy sheriffs organization down here saying they feel that they are barred from politics. You have an interested small segment who feel that they are in a position to hold economic life and death in their hands as far as these deputies are concerned who want this bill. Then these deputies can be trotted out and they don't know which side will win. So maybe in a wide open campaign like that in Lancaster County the same attitude that produces two sides of a football game when you want to bet produced two sides on the outcome of an election like that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And some deputies will think one side will win, others will think the other will win and they will be coerced, sometimes brutally, sometimes subtly, to support one or the other and not because the deputy feels that that person is the most capable but because that person may win, and if the deputy were on the wrong side, there will be a price to pay. I think it would be folly to adopt this bill so I will vote against it but things partaking of folly regularly successfully pass the Legislature and I am shocked at Senator Lamb. Maybe you didn't vote like the others did, but Senator Hefner was up there. I usually look at that column. I know Senator Hefner was up there because he is always on the side which I consider wrong on a controversial issue. Notice, I didn't say you were wrong. I said, which I consider wrong but I will watch your vote on this bill and I don't think it will be an indication of what will be done the rest of the session but I hope if you advance this bill you will do some thinking before you vote again on second reading.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, we are speaking to the bill as a whole.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I will be brief in my remarks, Mr. Speaker. I just want to emphasize again that, a little bit of what I said earlier about the Hatch Act. Now these are very complex issues and there are a lot of important civil rights issues