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a restraint on the rights of people who would participate in the political process but nonetheless it is important to preserve the integrity of that political process. Congress I think rightfully rejected an attempt to soften the Hatch Act last session and I think we should reject an attempt here to soften this particular statutory provision which operates to keep the deputy sheriffs out of campaigns for their supervisors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are three who have not spoken before and I will recognize Frank Lewis first, then Senator Schmit, then Senator Johnson. First I would like to introduce 47 members of the Clay County Home Extension Club, Carol Thayer, Home Extension Agent from Clay County, Nebraska, in the North balcony. Will you raise your hands so we may see where you are? Welcome to the Unicameral. They are here from Senator Kremer's District. Senator Frank Lewis, you have the floor.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to support the bill. I listened with interest to some of the arguments particularly those coming from some who I thought would be the first up to guarantee that each member of our society had the full right to participate in the election process as he chose. It would be interesting if we would say that the members of the faculty at the University of Nebraska could not work or be active in the Regents races and I think I could hear the hues and cries now. It would be interesting if we would say in Bellevue the teachers couldn't work on the Board of Education races. It would be interesting if we would say that no member of the State Patrol could support or contribute or work for the Governor of this state. Or no member of the State Patrol for that matter could work and actively support a member of this Legislature that pays their salary. That argument can go infinitum. Now the issue at hand here is the fact that we have people that are involved in the political process and care to be full and active participants. There are some direct correlations between law enforcements and things we prohibit them from doing but those are directly attributable to their jobs because let me tell you there is a lot more people in this world that can bring pressure than a law enforcement person right now. Maybe we ought to look very carefully at some of those first. I think this is a fair and legitimate approach. I am indeed disappointed that those who pride themselves as being in the forefront for individual rights, for equal treatment, now suddenly are saying because of some kind of a system they developed in their own minds and their own rationale, well, everybody can be equal except these people because there is pressure