

involved in doing it this way. Now they are not that naive as to suspect the only pressure comes with deputy sheriffs. Now if they are really concerned about that and those things go on, how about making it county treasurers and county commissioners and how about making it, in fact I can put those amendments up there. Again I don't think there has been any substantive arguments against the bill. I think there has been some personalities. I think there has been some people that may have other interest in it. The bill originated with me out of Sarpy County because we have some deputies that were very interested in working in the race and the sheriff won. He really didn't need them very badly. He is a good sheriff. That is where that bill came from and I am very interested to see that they get that and I don't want anybody else to misunderstand the motives. Now if there is other little fights that people want to carry on, don't do it on this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is Senator Schmit in the room? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think that Senator Lewis made an excellent point. I think that each one of us in this body has the ability, if we so choose, by the fact that we are involved in legislation that can directly benefit people to create the support or the animosity that can either guarantee our reelection or perhaps our defeat. I think that that is true in this body, that it is true in many other offices and it is certainly true in other levels of government. It is no accident I think you know that each every four years the federal government decides to place major installations in certain areas of the country, and if you will check the record, you will frequently find that those are marginal areas for that political party which happens to be in power. It has been done for hundreds of years and there isn't any way you are going to write a law that is going to prevent it because you can always find all kinds of justification for what you are doing. In this very body here it is very easy to appropriate funds for example for the University and to secure the undying support of that very august body, and when you put the emphasis of the University behind an individual, it is a tremendous balancing lever. It is also true when we appropriate money to subdivisions of government. We have all done that and so you can understand the point that Senator Lewis is trying to make. I understand Senator Chambers' concern because of the particular power that a law enforcement person seems to possess by virtue of the fact that they strap on a gun and wear a badge and I am not unmindful of having had some of