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their reelection campaigns. In that context I don't think that the employees should have to work for their bosses.

SENATOR NEWELL: It's a short five minutes, let me get... now let me ask you this question. You mentioned to me that you think it ought to be carried over to other... other offices, but you can't do it in this bill? Is that correct?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I don't think we should try to do it in this particular bill, because this bill is limited to sheriffs offices.

SENATOR NEWELL: I see. But you do favor the general idea that that employee should not be able to work for their bosses?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Here's the principle I favor, that when there is a small office that has a number of professionals...five, or ten or fifteen, and their boss is an elected official, now that's different than teachers, different than a lot of other categories of public employees, but it applies to assistant public defenders, it applies to deputy sheriffs and those contexts, yes.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Hoagland, I want to ask you a question. In your campaign for office, one of your opponents decided...I read this in an article, one of your opponents decided to work for you in the general election and that opponent as I understand is now working for you after he worked for you in the general election, is now working for you in your office. Is that correct?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: He's a very capable Administrative Assistant, Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I do not doubt that. I know Mr. Crouse and I think he is also a very capable Administrative Assistant. The point I bring this out is simply this, you know, some people talk about taking the politics out of government...taking the politics out of politics, if you will, and this is a tremendous trend, you know, it's just great that people protect all kinds of other people from being active in politics. We protect people. You know, we do this great thing for them. We don't want it done for us, but we do this great thing for them. We talk about being consistently for good government, and good government means so many different things to so many different people, but what it means in this situation

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