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in this decision because the only way these bills can be passed is with that kind of an effort and at least, apparently for now and the immediate future, the intent of this Legislature and of this Governor and of this state is to maintain the status quo in our system of government with the Legislature being the chief one responsible for many, many agencies of government.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take the political approach nor the friendship approach because sometimes I wonder how many friends I have here. I'm going to take the citizens approach, all those thousands of people out there in the State of Nebraska and they are going to say, amen, thank the Lord, the Legislature is withdrawing some bills instead of introducing more bills. So I support Senator DeCamp in his motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I was going to move the question but Senator Warner still hasn't been given the opportunity and I want to correct Senator DeCamp just a little bit. Who appoints all those people on those commissions, John? Senator DeCamp, who appoints the members of these various commissions?

SENATOR DeCAMP: The Governor appoints a great number of them. I don't know the exact. I would have to check each commission and look in the statutes at each one. The Governor has some appointive power. In terms of control by the Governor as I stated, very, very little.

SENATOR KOCH: Well don't you assume the Governor makes these appointments in good faith that they are responsible, that they are really going to carry out the mission of the commissions or is it strictly political. John?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well of course the Governor makes the appointment in good faith and all that.

SENATOR KOCH: All right then, he has a lot of control. He appoints thousands of people to commissions so he still has a control. Now, Senator Warner, you can take over.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.