

in this country or when you could speak and when you could not? That would be democracy in the extreme and none of us would accept democracy. My point is simply this. Any good thing taken to the extreme can become obnoxious and unacceptable. Sunshinism should not have the pejority of connotation that we now give to isms of this type and isms of that type. Sunshinism if you want to call it that is about corruption in government and it has been in the forefront and a fundamental concern of the American public, of the American republic from the days of the founding fathers. Why was it that Jefferson and Madison and Washington and Adams and Monroe and the whole bunch said, "Our government is going to be split into three branches?" It was because they feared power in government and corruption in government. Why is it that we have two houses in Congress? It is to avoid that same problem. The trend began in the eighteenth century and it continued in the nineteenth and it is continuing in the twentieth and it will continue forever as far as I am concerned because I believe that there will always be a tendency in human nature for some people to be corrupt and that the purpose and intent of the law is not to impugn the integrity of the 99% that are reasonable people but to protect the public against the few who may not act in a reasonable fashion. Corruption in government has been the bane and destruction of one civilization after another from the beginning of time. In Greece and in Rome the most plausible theories as to why those civilizations declined relate to corruption in government and I think that if there is any one thing to be concerned about, next to our economic well-being and along with our economic well-being, it is corruption in government. So to call it an ism, to pretend that it is a latter day thing is simply not at all accurate. But the philosophy of all this aside, it is the specifics of rather the amendment itself that we should be addressing I suppose...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and in the last thirty seconds I would like to address this fifty-one page amendment which gives me about a half a second a page I guess, but let me point out a few things about this. First of all, it is a fifty-one page amendment. There are probably two to three hundred different ideas in this amendment from what we are doing right now. It has not had a public hearing. It is a bill complete and entire in itself which does away with existing government agencies, agency, and which creates major new responsibilities in at least two other government agencies. In effect, if you adopted this amendment you would be putting the bill