

the public about what the Legislature does. So when we say the public is insisting on reform, each one of us will select what we think is the type of reform that the public wants. And no one of us is going to be correct because the public is not going to pay attention to us. Term limits has not resulted in Nebraska because "the public" is so concerned; it is because an outfit in Washington, D.C. infused a huge amount of money to get paid operatives to get signatures to have the item put on the ballot, then money was spread around to get the thing adopted. We know that is what it was. It was not the public being outraged as has been stated to the point where we are all tired of hearing it. No district is upset with its representative, because if that district were, that person would not be there. They don't like anybody else except their own. If money will buy this office, anybody who spends any amount of money can get my seat in the Legislature because I have too much pride to beg for money from anybody, and even too much pride to accept it. People send me contributions and I politely return it. My situation may be somewhat different. The Legislature is not my life nor my wife. The Legislature may have played a part in me losing a wife, and if I were as foolish as some of the legislators are and taken all this stuff seriously and letting it go down inside and eating me alive, it would take my life. Senator Beutler made an off the cuff remark, maybe the Legislature is my mistress, and he may have a point there. So there might be that kind of a situation. He had mentioned the absence of bribery. When you pass a law against bribery which takes away the right of people in just a straightforward honest way of putting money in the officeholders' hands and saying I want to buy you, that is the American way. An entrepreneur should be able to do it, but there is a law against people being up front and honest, so you say it is against the law to bribe in that way, so they bribe legislators in other ways. They give them jobs. They give them consultantships, and all of that, to my mind, is bribery. Whenever something that enriches...

SENATOR LINDSAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...an individual in office for the purpose of influencing how that person conducts his or her public business, that's bribery. Whether they call it a job or just giving it to you straight out, some can be bribed with a meat loaf sandwich and a chicken dinner. So the amount is not what's important, it's the purpose behind that which is given. That's what constitutes bribery, and there is a lot of that. As far as what