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come to this issue I could understand people's suspecting my motives. I don't just mouth platitudes, and what I'm going to say next is not designed to be just in the nature of a boast, but I believe during the years that I've been in this Legislature I have a record that establishes that I have done consistently what I could to protect and maintain the purity, the objectivity, the integrity of the legal profession and the judiciary. Whenever I saw something that I thought needed addressing, to make sure that justice was administered fairly because me, of all people, have need of that fair administration, I would overcome how I felt about individual judges and support salary increases for judges, other, what we might call, reforms that would aid in the better, fairer administration of justice. This bill is one which, when we adopt the bill by overriding the veto, is not going to cause any seismic tremors throughout society. The parties knew about this bill and did not testify against it. They have not launched any public effort against it. I have not read one editorial against the bill. On this floor, lawyers from both parties have emphasized the need to keep the political...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...aspect, the partisan aspect out of the Attorney General race and the position. Courts have said about judges that we know judges have views. They have a religious belief or no belief. They have political leanings, but when it comes to administering their office and making judicial decisions all of that must be lain aside. And if a judge has comported himself in such a way that there's even the suspicion of it that it could appear there's less than total impartiality, the judge is required to recuse himself or herself so that the image of justice will not be tainted based on the way it appears on the surface. So, in a sense, I am commending this bill into the hands of my colleagues.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would ask for a call of the house, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question