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those were political decisions. Several abortion bills, which clearly on their face were unconstitutional, were used to make political hay by the Attorney General and the bills ultimately remain struck down as unconstitutional. There was a gay rights issue on the ballot in Colorado and it was challenged in court and, without consulting with the Governor, the Attorney General put Nebraska, the state of Nebraska, on record in the Supreme Court on one side of that issue when nobody in Nebraska who announces policy for the state had even been consulted. Those types of political things show how the office can be politicized. Most lawyers are not going to run for that office if they have to declare connection with a party. The kind of people you will get are those who are going to make a life of politics, not a life as a practicing attorney. I just wanted to give you a few of those examples to show that this current system has not worked as well as the Governor and others may suggest. I handed you out a packet and I'm not going to go through every item in that packet, but I did call attention to one where Senator Kristensen had contacted the Attorney General and made it clear that he was not seeking a formal opinion, but because it was on a bill that had amendments that the Attorney General did not like and he wanted to publicize and broadcast his opinion, his ideas, his reaction to the bill, he told Senator Kristensen that he was going to convert his request into one for a formal opinion that would be distributed to all of the senators, and he knew when that happens it also goes into the Legislative Journal. And he made statements in that opinion which were not true. It had to do with Senator Matzke's bill originally that would make killing a police officer an aggravating circumstance. Senator Matzke and I battled and had agreed to a number of amendments to the current death penalty law. Senator Matzke was not of a mind to want to get rid of all those amendments. The only one he didn't like, and I can understand it and ultimately we worked it out, was the one that would prohibit the execution of the mentally retarded. In trying to get senators not to go along with that idea, the Attorney General suggested that Nebraska would not execute a mentally retarded person anyway. During that discussion I pointed out that there was one man on death row to whom that law would probably apply, and it was Clarence Victor. The Attorney General was ticking off the names of others and said they can all raise this issue and when that matter ultimately was enacted