

# Calvin Coolidge Says:

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 4.—The Senatorial committee investigating campaign expenses is not a dignified spectacle.

After the Supreme Court decision that jurisdiction over nominations rests with the states, an investigation of them under the fiction that it is for the purpose of future legislation is a questionable use of authority. It would seem to lead almost to the conclusion that the people cannot be trusted to choose their own candidates without supervision. To admit that is to admit that self-government has failed.

Proper police power should be invoked through executive action against violations of the law. For a legislative committee to engage in it, to direct a force of detectives against candidates as though they were suspected of criminal action, does not comport with the dignity of a great deliberative body. Now a counter-band of detectives are investigating the investigators.

Evil practices in making nominations should be prevented and punished. But that is not the function of the Senate. Liberty requires that the executive, legislature and judiciary be kept separate. (Tainted elections can be handled in a dignified way on the Senate floor.) They do not warrant a dangerous invasion of executive functions and state rights.

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