

# Exon wants committee despite Zorinsky indecision

By L. Kent Wolgamott

Nebraska's Sen.-elect Gov. J. James Exon has made the Senate Agriculture Committee his first choice for committee assignment even though his senior colleague, Sen. Edward Zorinsky has not yet decided whether he will give up his seat on that committee to allow Exon to serve, Exon said Thursday night.

Exon, interviewed on Nebraska Educational Television's *Dateline Nebraska*, said his choices for committee assignments are 1) Agriculture; 2) Appropriations or Budget; 3) Armed Services and 4) Government Operations.

Earlier this year, Zorinsky had said he would give up his seat on the Agriculture Committee to allow Exon to serve, but since then Zorinsky has risen to be the fourth ranked Democrat on the committee because of deaths, retirements and failures to gain re-election, giving him a subcommittee chairmanship.

Exon said he and Zorinsky have discussed the matter two or three times and will meet again to discuss it. He said Zorinsky suggested that he proceed with applying for the Agriculture Committee because "there is a good chance I can secure that position."

"There is a possibility that even two senators of the same political party can serve, but its at best a long shot," Exon said.

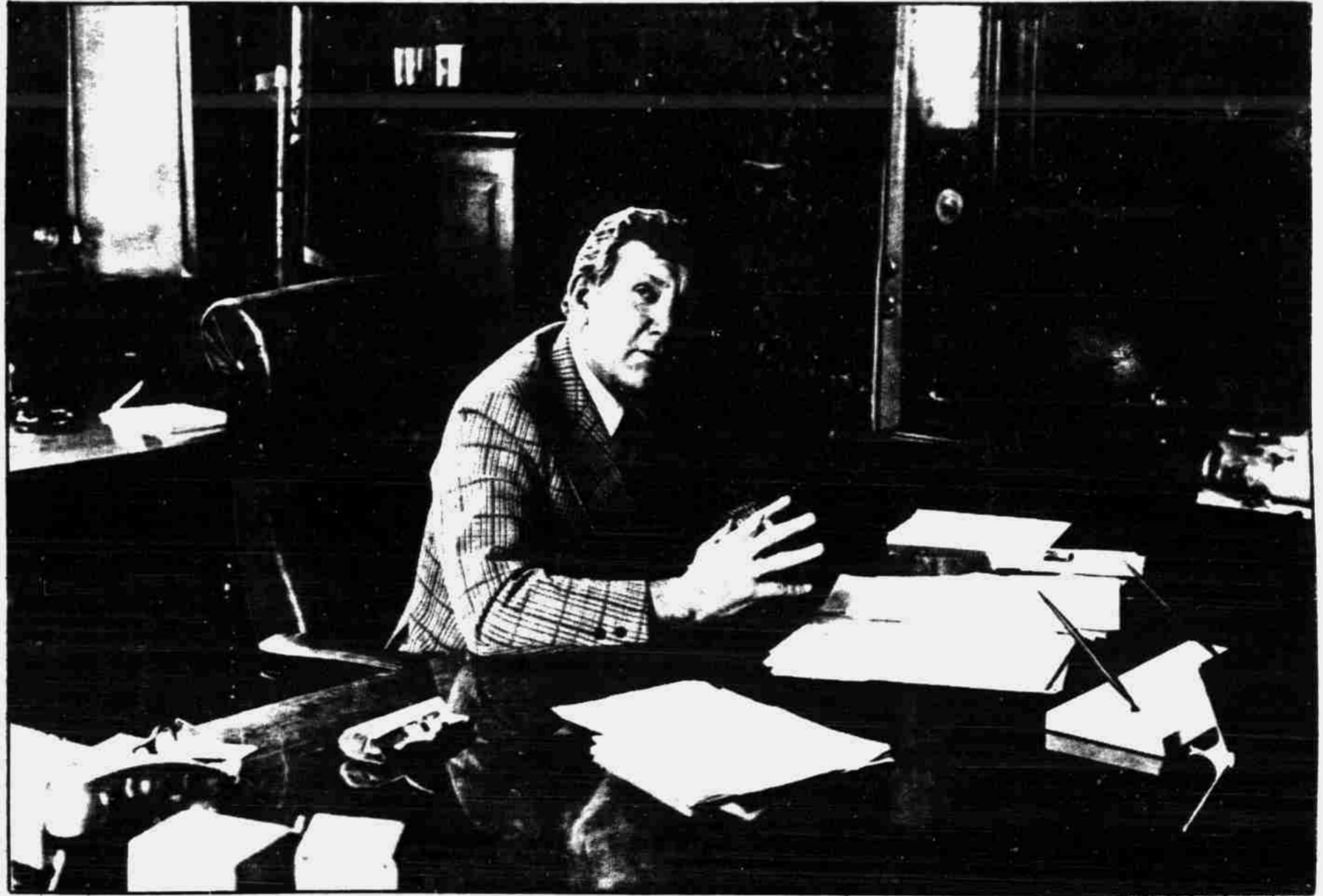
He said his priorities for work in the Senate include agriculture, serving as an ombudsman for the state, working to reduce excessive federal spending and reorganizing the bureaucracy.

Exon said he told Gov.-elect Charles Thone, "The first thing I would suggest you do Charley, is get into the state budget. The budget is the biggest job the governor has to do every year."

He said Thone will have a difficult time preparing his budget because the Legislature passed a bill over his veto which moved the deadline when the governor must submit his budget up to Feb. 1, giving Thone a shorter time to prepare the budget.

Exon also said "what Gov. Thone is going to have to do is oppose intrusion of the legislative branch on the (governor's) chair. Hopefully, the pledge he made in his campaign will work out and hopefully he will work with the majority of registered Republicans in our nonpartisan Republican legislature better than I did."

Looking back on his eight years as governor, Exon said he was "progressive, while keeping a tight rein on expenditures" and that he would have liked to have done more about the state's water problems.



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Nebraska's Sen.-elect Gov. J. James Exon seeks an assignment on the Agriculture Committee even though Sen. Edward Zorinsky has not decided whether to give up his seat on that committee.

## 'Home ec flasher' up to old tricks

Last year, a man plagued students in the Home Economics Building on East Campus by exposing himself on several occasions. Now, University Police say, the same man apparently is at it again.

Students reported that last week, a man exposed himself in the lower level hallway of the Home Economics Building. The man was described as about five feet nine inches, with brown hair, slender build, and wearing a dark blue ski jacket and green khaki pants. That description is similar to the man who did the same thing last year, and according to University Police, the way in which he commits the crime is similar.

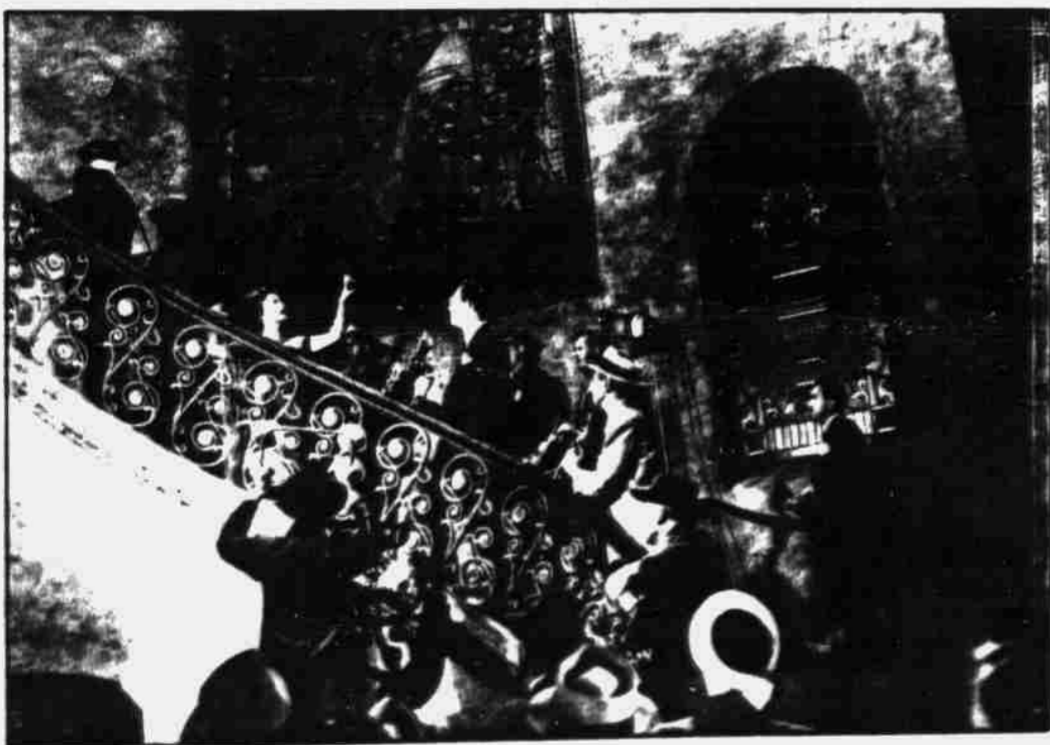
"He walks by offices and classrooms with people in them and exposes himself," said Sgt. Joe Wehner. "He has struck several times now."

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