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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I had mentioned some people who had been involved with the Franklin matter in one way or another and how they are no longer around. Former Police Chief Bob Wadman is another one. He initially denied all knowledge and contact with Larry King. Then, when information developed that he had been at some of King's parties, he reluctantly admitted it but said he had been there only in company with others. Well, here is the chief denying what he knew to be true. He had returned a valise or a suitcase of some kind from the evidence room to one of Larry King's relatives while an investigation was going on, and he said nothing was unusual about that. While he was here, his son, Scott, at a West Omaha school was involved with a stolen credit card or maybe more, and the way they caught him, when he got ready to use it, the camera took a picture of him, and they showed the picture to the person whose credit card it was and she says that is Scott Wadman. It was covered up. The World-Herald, through Harold Andersen and "Woody" Howe, had talked to Wadman and said they would not publish anything about his son. Now they have published things about other people's children. When there was a review of an action by Wadman before the City Personnel Board in Omaha, the people were told at the Personnel Board by the lawyer for the city that this arrangement had been made through the World-Herald that they would print nothing about Wadman's son and the only way anything about it could come out was if it was mentioned during the Personnel Board hearing. So here is the Chief of Police covering up for his son in direct conjunction with Harold Andersen, who is no longer with the World-Herald. There are many strange things going on here. There was a play from South Africa called "Master Harold and the Boys". Sometimes things come forth that because of the ring they have they seem almost prophetic in nature. As a result of pressure from this Legislature, members of it, on Judge Buckley, the charge to the grand jury was expanded so that it would allow the covering of all bases that are necessary and his charge is going to be made public. If there is not somebody in a position who is going to bring forth pressure, then these investigative bodies and agencies are not going to do their job. Those who are in a position to bring pressure are those with either knowledge based on what they know are facts, or expertise that entitles them to make judgments