

since I have been in the Legislature. A motion to kill what promises to be the biggest scandal in this state's history and the statement by Senator Koch that was exactly these words. Our business is to "sit here merely as a device of consent if that is needed". Well, fellows, if we are to sit here merely as a device of consent if that is needed, we shouldn't even be in the Legislature, not one of us. I don't know what people are afraid of uncovering in this thing but, boy, it must be dynamite. If this Legislature under the separation of powers theory doesn't have the responsibility to start finding out what has happened to the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars the last couple of years, then who in blazes does? And what are we doing here? I urge you to reject the kill motion. You may throw a little sand over this largest scandal in the history of the state but I don't think you are going to be able to cover her up completely so you had better dig in the sand, uncover it all, correct the problems, expose the guilty, and change the laws as needed to make sure she don't happen in the future. One thing you had better not do, just one thing. Don't sit here merely as a device of consent if that is needed.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, on some issues where the federal government is involved I have more confidence than if the state were to deal with that situation. On other matters such as this that impact directly on the state and its citizens, there is a paramount responsibility that the Legislature has. We are supposed to be representatives of the people and their best interest. I am looking at some things that have happened, for example on the North Freeway, and I know some people thought that would be my main interest which it is not, but I have got an issue that I can't get the federal government to give me an answer on. The Department of Roads has promised the phone company, MUD and OPPD that they will pay for the relocation of utilities in connection with that project. Not one of those utilities has ever been paid for relocation of utilities if the project is not a part of the interstate, only when it is a part of the interstate, but the Department of Roads was so anxious to spike any kind of opposition they might have, they made a promise to pay for the relocation of utilities that are not a part of an interstate project. The Federal Highway Administration has asked for more information to justify this. The Justice Department of the United States has asked for more information and neither can apparently get that information from the Department of Roads. If they