

to feel that this is a committee that is going off in all directions with no concept of what it is we're trying to do, and we're trying to create a record here today that can be checked later to see whether or not we acted in accord with the things we talked about here today. I will tell you that the resolution is deliberately drafted broadly enough to allow us to go wherever these lines of inquiry lead us and pursue them wherever they lead us. We have tried to list out some of the agencies that we will talk to to put them on notice and alert them and the public too. Sometimes we will have to close our hearings to protect innocent persons whose names may be mentioned, the integrity of the investigation, but we don't want those, I hope very infrequent closings, to create the impression that we're having a star chamber proceeding where we don't want the public to know. We want our meetings open to the public to the maximum extent possible. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I talked to a World-Herald reporter and explained to him about our subpoena process, that we cannot take away a person's right to the Fifth Amendment. If we compel them, we place them under oath, they are entitled to a witness fee, they're entitled to have their lawyer there and all of these things that showed how we would proceed. Rather than write it that way, Bob Dorr went to a member of the Attorney General's Office, after I told him what we're going to do, got the same information and wrote the article as though the Legislature had to be instructed that we can't deprive a person of a Fifth Amendment right and the various things I mentioned to you. I told him so that the public and anybody who was nervous would be alerted to the fact that we're going to honor everybody's legal and constitutional right, but that's not the way the World-Herald wrote it. I am trying to get these things clarified for you. And if you have questions, remember, about anything I have said, anything that relates to this, I, for one, am prepared to answer to the best of my ability. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I want to reiterate once again that when the original resolution was drawn several months ago we did not have any conception of the extent of involvement of certain individuals outside of the normal