

comments in the Omaha World-Herald, disparaging, demeaning and humiliating some of the young people who came forth made it impossible for me to stay on that committee. There is no way I could have functioned on a committee which was going to "follow the trail of the money" when there was so much concern about child abuse which I believe existed then, I still believe it and what the committee subsequently has found indicates that it does exist, it existed then and it would have been a mistake to leave that direction. I wanted it clear why I got off the committee. I applaud the work that the committee has done since the time that I resigned. They did see the issue of child abuse and related matters as being very important and consequential. They found an investigator who, and I'm basing what I say now on what I have read in the papers. I have no access to any of the reports that the committee had developed. So I am accepting what I read in the paper as being true. I want that straight in the record too because nobody on the committee has leaked any information to me. They have substantiated, or feel that they have evidence that would substantiate, serious misconduct that reaches the level of criminal activity on the part of individuals associated with Franklin and perhaps others not directly associated. They have turned this information over to various prosecutorial authorities including the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney. I don't know about the Douglas County Attorney, to what extent he would be involved. But it clearly is in the court of those prosecutorial bodies now as far as the criminal activity. What the committee is proposing to do now, based on my understanding of the resolution, is to look at what the investigators have done, and I suspect they will conclude what I concluded already from the reports that I read and looking at the work that the Omaha police division did not properly investigate...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the State Patrol and the FBI were inadequate and lacking in concern about the investigations they conducted. I do fault the committee for taking statements from the chief of police, former Chief Robert Wadman, in secret and not publicizing those statements. He was a public person paid with taxpayer money. He was not accused of a crime and I don't think there is anything he said that should be kept from the public. There have been allegations and to my mind evidence to indicate that he may have been involved in squelching the investigation by the Omaha police division. Rather than have to