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and I have said on this floor before, all too often government agencies forget about the job they were supposed to do and just administer themselves, and do not carry out their responsibilities. I have said also that it is not just what actually is true but what is perceived to be true, and, ladies and gentlemen, there is a crisis of confidence in this Legislature. The people of this state have indicated time after time to me that they are suspicious of the integrity of this body, of government officials, of the whole system. I recall many times when we met as a committee, reviewed information, tried to sort hearsay and innuendo from that solid evidence, and we continually spoke about the need for the protection of children and the need for a reevaluation of the system, a need to find out if the systems of government were working or were not working, and what we would do if we found out they were not working. Well, ladies and gentlemen, if child abuse has occurred within or without of the Foster Care Review Board's system and the State of Nebraska, and if each one of us have not done everything we can do to stamp it out, then we are as guilty as are the perpetrators of that abuse. We are all guilty. Time after time after time law enforcement personnel have told me during this investigation, yes, we knew something was wrong; yes, we knew someone wasn't doing their job, but, by golly, as long as it was not in my section, as long as it was not my direct responsibility, as long as it was not my neck on the block, I just said, well, let somebody else worry about it. Today, the situation is perhaps more serious than we like to admit that it is. Another strange thing has happened to me just the last few days.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I do not know if this is true or not, but it would seem to me that when an individual who is postmaster in a city the size of Omaha departs for another city, the City of Chicago, and that individual becomes postmaster and has some responsibility in Chicago for a period of time, and then that individual resigns that job, and then that individual is hired by the World-Herald to head one of their agencies in Chicago, it seemed like it ought to make some kind of news. I recall when a former postmaster, Mr. Munnely, left that job, it was of significant news time after time after time. I am sure that the departure was routine. I am sure his transfer was routine. I am sure his resignation was routine, and I am sure his hiring by the new firm was routine, but why aren't we told about it? Why