

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Schmit and Wesely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is one time Senator Labeledz and I hope the same thing. But, Senator Labeledz, I wouldn't say what I'm saying, if I didn't believe it. And I thought there might be some skeptics and some nay-sayers. So, Senator Labeledz, Senator Labeledz, I have in my hand an authority which I think you consider to be unimpeachable. This says, on the outside, Holy Bible, therefore that which is in it must be holy. And I'm reading from Matthew the 6th, Chapter...the 24th verse. And I could quote it, but I want to read it. No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. The point that I get from that is that when a person has a very serious obligation and responsibility, such as Judge Van Pelt was given in handling the special prosecutor's duties before the grand jury, that had to be his primary job. We were assured, by Judge Buckley, that he recognizes this as an extraordinary situation, therefore, he was going to publicize the exact text of his charge to the grand jury. So, everybody who has discussed it has talked about extraordinary the situation is. Then we have the bizarre turn, and I think that word bizarre is going to have to be used repeatedly, because it's the only one that is capable of describing what is happening. This man, indeed, has two masters. I thought that his primary responsibility, while the grand jury was sitting, would be to handle the grand jury work. But he's got another job for which he's paid that has a higher claim on him. So, here's why I say it has a higher claim, if there are two things vying for your time and attention, and you go to item A, rather than item B, it's because item A, for some reason, has a greater attraction, has a greater claim, and therefore you yield and go to item A. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that Judge Van Pelt's being hired as a hearing officer is more important to him than carrying out his duties as a special prosecutor. What I had said when I was critical, initially, of his appointment is that he doesn't know enough to do the job. He is showing that that is the case. He can put the grand jury on automatic pilot and be gone, and he won't be missed, because nobody expected him to know enough to do anything. What Judge Buckley should have done was what I had suggested, and that is to appoint somebody as the lead in this matter who knew enough to do the job. I think it