

secret or any other document of the corporation, they have a right under the rules of discovery to ask for a court order limiting discovery or limiting the revelation of whatever it is that is discovered. But the basic rule is that parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter not privileged which is relevant to the subject matter and reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. So that's common sense, isn't it? If you think that the corporation has wronged you in some way, you ought to be able to come after whatever relevant information exists anywhere in this country including in, in that particular corporation. You know we give corporations a lot of protections, a lot of tax advantages. We give them everlasting life which individuals don't have and I think we have a right to call upon them to abide by reasonable rules of discovery and at least to abide by the same rules of discovery that all other corporations abide by. Again, I want to emphasize that the bankers are asking for something that is not allowed to any other corporation that I know of in this state. There is a specific section in the Supreme Court's rules of discovery relating to protection orders. And it says upon motion by a party and for good cause shown, the court in which the action is pending may make an order which justice requires...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to protect a party from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression or undue burden or expense including one or more of the following: that the discovery not be had, the court can prevent the discovery; that the discovery may be had only on specific conditions including a designation of a time or a place; that the discovery may be had only by a method, certain method; that certain matters not be required into or that the discoverer be limited to certain matters; that the discovery be conducted with no one present except certain court designated persons; that the disposition, that is the information that comes out of the discovery, can be sealed and opened only on a court order for specific purposes and reasons; that trade secrets and every confidential research, development or commercial information not be disclosed, and some others. So over time there has been a significant list of exceptions...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or reasons why the court can keep