

like it is. And that is what makes this such a ticklish situation. None of the real parties have been named. None of the real issues underlying all this have been brought above the surface. All of the real activity is sub rosa. But some of us know, we know Senator Hillman. But like Mary, we keep these things and treasure them in our hearts and we don't reveal it. Just look out there at the noses pressed against the windowpane. Look at those who are clutching themselves nervously, hearts pounding, wondering if this ill-gotten money somehow is going to be taken away from them. This is a windfall. This is treasure troll. This is better than going out and finding a pirate's treasure map, Senator Hillman, following it, digging down into the ground and finding an old wooden chest, opening it up and finding pieces of eight and other items that are considered very valuable. But the problem is that this was done through misuse of public authority, misuse of public documents, and a disregard for that which ought to be done decently and in order. I don't blame except in a moral sense these rogue agencies for running over the Legislature. And you know I don't blame these capitalistic exploiters for getting all the money they can while staying within the law enough not to go to jail. That's what they're about. They spent all that time over here lobbying and watching what we do so they can figure how to fill their pockets, too, without going outside of the criminal law. Then we have a contract that we know ought not to be allowed to stay in effect but we say we've reached a compromise because instead of cutting it off now as we should do, we're going to let them continue to exploit this bad situation for a period of time, until January 31, 1998. And we're supposed to have gained something from them by their saying, we won't sue you if you make us who are thieves give up the goods that we've been caught with. The thief is going to sue you because you make the thief give up that which he stole? And then you feel like you've gained something and the thief did you a favor. I'm looking at all the people who went along with the Maximus contract last year.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I tried to call attention to what these agencies see they can do by the way you all rolled over and swallowed spit on Maximus and now here comes something far more blatant and they brought in a private operation now. You can call it a syndicate if you want to. You can call it a cartel.