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because of the kinds of concerns and interests that people have. Now let me say something about my view of all that we'll be talking about. As an elected official, my life has a portion which can be described as my public life. That is open for scrutiny, criticism, misrepresentation, or any other thing that the public or any member of the public chooses to do with it. It's a part of the public domain. If we, as elected officials, are going to spend time which has been purchased by way of an expenditure of money to take us on a trip, a hunting expedition, or squirrel us away any other place where the public at large does not have access to us but the one spending this money will be given an access, the public has a right to know who is giving us this money, who is purchasing the right to obtain influence. And if we, as the public officials, don't want the public to know about that, or the one spending the money does not want the public to know, there is a suggestion that something is not quite right about it. I'm talking about, remember, our public life. Sometimes people's private lives have a way of becoming public, but that's not what I'm referring to today. I don't think that any of us who are elected officials, whether it be a member of the Legislature or the Governor, will be given these large gifts just because the giver wants to do something good for the public or reward us for public service. Usually, a member of the Legislature who will be given the largess will be an influential member. The Governor, Mr. Johanns, is now being given gifts which I'm sure were not given to him when he was the mayor. They certainly were not given to him when he was a private citizen. So it is by virtue of his position as Governor that certain things are given to him; it is by virtue of our position as legislators, lawmakers, policymakers that gifts are offered to us and benefits are bestowed. The public at large is never invited on these cruises. The senators as a whole, meaning collectively, are not invited. So there is a reason behind everything which is given. Big shots don't spend money when they don't expect something in return. If that were the case, they would give far more to charity. So we can get that off the table as far as my particular point of view goes. When I read that the Governor's wife received \$8,000 from well-heeled individuals, the question that arises in my mind is how did they know she needed this money? Did the Governor assign somebody to go around with a tin cup to these people who pop \$1,000 at a clip to give her the money? Those are legitimate questions.