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print a story if I had been accused of fondling this young woman, as these two rascals were. Well, guess what happened. When this incident took place and a police report was filed, the television stations did a story. The World-Herald did not. I criticized the World-Herald for not doing anything. So they saw the need Saturday to suddenly to come out with a long story about what happened. The timing was just coincidental. My remarks on the floor of the Legislature had nothing to do with them writing this story. It was not enough to write the story on Saturday. On Sunday, still smarting from having suffered the Chambers lash on the floor of the Legislature, a guy named Larry King, not CNN's Larry King, but Larry King of the World-Herald, felt the need to write two long columns, under the headline: we don't print what we don't know. If that were the case, they would have nothing but the funny papers and the sports section printed in the World-Herald, and they'd cut half out of what is in the sports section. They don't print what they don't know. They knew what I was talking about. And there's no way in the short space of time between my critical remarks on the floor of the Legislature and their article that they ran Saturday for them to have accumulated all this information. They had that story. They were sitting on that story. And had I not criticized them publicly, it never would have been run. So Larry King talked about, I was wrong, that they don't sit on stories, that they took issue with my saying, if those accusations had been made against me they would have printed the accusations. Mr. King wrote that either Senator Chambers underestimates the number of people who want to see things bad written about him, or he just wanted to dig the World-Herald, because they receive numerous unsupported allegations against Senator Chambers which they don't print. So what are the allegations? He's the smartest man in the Legislature. He makes them change the rules every session to try to get him. They changed the constitution to get him. Those things the World-Herald doesn't print. But I'll tell you where there's a difference. This story had been carried by the media. A police report had been filed. Now, you tell me that you believe what Larry King, one of those editors...he's on the editorial board, or whatever his position is with that paper. If a police report had been filed because a young woman accused me of fondling her, a police report had been filed, the young woman's parent...