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and it would never see the light of the day? Well, before they finished their report, the "Repelicans" banded together. The city attorney threw it...well, the county attorney said he couldn't do anything with it, and I think he's a Democrat. Jansen. Then Marty Conboy. He probably is a "Repelican." I'm not sure, but he may be. Then the Attorney General, whom I know is a "Repelican," whose job it is to see that the laws are enforced, who himself will boast about being the top law enforcement officer in the state, which is true. And the statute gives the county attorneys certain responsibilities and duties relative to enforcing the law, relative to all crimes committed in the county, and it gives concurrent jurisdiction and authority to the Attorney General. The Attorney General has that same authority. So what did Mr. Bruning say? Well, I've got a conflict of interest because I know this guy. There are other people in his office. He has over a dozen lawyers. There was one named Charles Lowe, who did a very good job of prosecuting the case against a wrong doing judge. He could have said, I know the judge. Somebody in the Attorney General's Office could have said, I know the judge. But it was possible to take somebody off that staff and let him go against the judge. Another one named William Howland, H-o-w-l-a-n-d, did a good job of prosecuting a case against a judge who used the n-word from the bench, and I filed a complaint. I filed a complaint in both cases. Both of the men I mentioned, Mr. Howland, Mr. Lowe, are assistant attorneys general, and they handled those cases. So for Mr...or, he's not "mister" anymore...for "General" Bruning, whom you saw sitting on a horse, pointing, with Napoleon regalia on, and his picture had been computer-generated under Napoleon's three-cornered hat, he said he couldn't handle this case. And that's the one you "Repelicans" put in office. So nobody was going to handle it. Bruning said, when he was told by the local officials in Omaha he should advise the State Patrol, he...

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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...didn't even want to do that. He threw it back to them. So the State Patrol did its job. They had