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SENATOR BRASHEAR: One was now sitting Regent Ferlic, the chairman of the Board of Regents; and the other was...is sitting Regent Howard Hawks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Both of them had considerable money, not only at their disposal, but which they expended. Is that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: They did raise and spend, I believe, in round numbers--I'm trying to be responsive, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sure.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: In round numbers, Regent Ferlic spent \$260,000; and in round numbers, Regent Hawks spent \$400,000. And they both were able to do that because they said from the git-go, we'll opt out, which is a provision of this law. They opted out and did as they're allowed to do if they opt out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, a gentleman named Richard Herman contributed sixty-eight thousand, roughly, five hundred dollars to Mr. Ferlic. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I think that's what was reported in the media. I recall the figure being something like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And he also contributed \$65,000 to Mr. Hawks?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I can't confirm that. I don't recall ever knowing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, at this point. Members of the Legislature, you know that I have a rhyming bone, and sometimes it is stimulated. This little rhyme has nothing to do with the "Silver Fox," Mr. Ferlic, or Mr. Hawks. I want that crystal clear. I just scratched it out here, so I've got...I hope I don't stumble. A famished hawk set its sights on a ferret. A silver fox called out: hawk, spare it. I have hatched a scheme in my mind. Cleverer one than a fox you'll not find. Give to my scheme a thought; pay heed. When you have heard it, you'll cry: yes indeed. Working together, we're bound