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presented for a statement to be made. I have done everything I could, and as long as this proposal is before us, I will continue to distance myself from what is being proposed here, from what is being undertaken. There is an expression that you hear in law school when they're trying to explain the difference between an issue that is resolved at law, as they call it, and one that is resolved in equity. Law is where the statutory provisions prevail. And maybe you have suffered a grievous wrong, but the Legislature was not attentive enough to have put a remedy in the statute. So they had the equity courts where the people who are more in tune with the higher powers that deal with justice could entertain your grievance if it was in the proper posture, and not just do that which is legal, as is done over on the law side, but that which is just and fair, which is what equity is about. The law deals with that which is legal, even if it works an injustice. Equity is something that transcends the law and it does things the way they ought to be done. It does that which is right. It does that which is just. What everybody is told when this discussion is going on, he or she who comes to equity cannot come with unclean hands. You, yourself, must be clean before you tread into the hall of equity to seek justice and fairness. We should approach the constitution with clean hands. We should not put things into the constitution that befoul it. The discussions that others have had, designed to take our attention away from the fact that we're degrading the constitution, ought to be ignored and cast aside. What is that discussion? That bad things have been done to the constitution already. Things are there that ought not to be there. Since that is the way that the constitution has been mishandled, this Legislature ought to add to that bad situation and make it worse? And your conscience should be clean because that which you are soiling has been soiled by others already. If somebody's house has had the door kicked in and thieves have come in and taken everything that's movable, and you are a plumber, then, since the house has been ransacked, you can justifiably go in there and tear out every bit of plumbing that you might can make use of. An electrician can go in and tear out everything he or she wants. If it's an old house with that fine wood, that person can go in and strip it because a wrong was committed in the first instance and that first wrong justifies every subsequent wrong, and nobody who commits a wrong