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think on this issue. The Lincoln Journal Star on May 6: University students know cheating is wrong. So should regents. The senators who called for Hergert to resign are right. best service Hergert can provide for the state, the university, and his constituents at this point is to step down. From The Grand Island Independent on May 6: We understand the legislators' concern and support their call for Hergert's resignation. Hergert could resolve much of this by resigning. We believe, given the current circumstances, that would be the right thing to do. From the Hastings Tribune on May 9: Hergert should resign. From the Kearney Hub on May 4: Dave Hergert did the honorable thing in admitting he violated campaign finance laws. Now he should do the next honorable thing and surrender his seat on the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. From The North Platte Telegraph on May 4: Regent Hergert has set a terrible example for our young people, and unless he has a pretty good explanation for this sorry episode, he should be doing western Nebraska a favor by submitting his resignation. From the Ogallala Keith County News on May 2: Not only did he break state law; Hergert violated the spirit of fair play, if such a thing still exists in the political arena, and showed character flaws in effectively buying the seat. serious Questionable character, illegal campaign tactics, record fines--Hergert should resign, if not for himself, for the fair and effective representation of the constituents of District 7. From the Gering Courier, May 6:...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...local boy Dave Hergert won the regent's position in the last general election, but broke the law to do it. He recently admitted wrongdoing in the election. It will be not...and this continues from this: We need leaders who are not looking to take the easy road but the honorable road. We must expect more from those who want to be our leaders. If they cannot follow the rules then they cannot lead. The idea of the leader is that others will follow. If the rules aren't important to the leader they will stop being important to the followers. The ends do not justify the means. Seven Nebraska daily newspapers have severely criticized Mr. Hergert and basically endorsed resolution...LR 98, including several in his