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some fundamental or essential principle of government or highly prejudicial to the public interest. So it looked to principles of law and fairness and equity to interpret what the word "misdemeanor" meant. What are they going to say about the language "in office?" They can say a number of things. They have given...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...broad principles of language from which they can go in a number of directions. In the Douglas case, they talked about the language from previous cases that indicated that they're going to look to the nature of consequences subversive of some fundamental or essential principle of government or highly presidential...prejudicial to the public interest. It doesn't have to be a duty of the office that's violated even. In the Douglas case, the matters that were alleged didn't relate to the duties in office, so it's not "in office" in that sense, at least, we know. Now, there's been no case on election law and whether that relates to the duties of the office. There's been no case in Nebraska, so it's what we call a case of first impression. The facts are entirely different from anything they've ever decided before. Now, here's an interesting...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler. On with discussion. Senator Preister, followed by Senator Thompson.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I would yield my time to Senator Beutler, so he might continue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have almost 5 minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me tell you what they did in a Florida court. Now, when I passed out that constitutional matter to you, the constitutional language in Nebraska, the next page behind it is the constitutional language in Florida. It says basically the same thing--misdemeanor in office. Now, the court in Florida has never had a case exactly on point of the one that we're talking about, but they also came...a concurring judge in an opinion