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not Mr. Hergert is guilty. What is impeachment? It is the accusation. What is the purpose of impeachment? Not to punish. No penalty is imposed other than a person being denied the right to run for another office if impeached and convicted. Now, what is the purpose? The purpose is to cleanse or free the office from a wrongdoer or a miscreant. People have made a lot of statements about the two words "in office." Senator Beutler touched on how constitutions expand in meaning and scope, and courts have done it throughout the history of this country at the state level, at the federal level. The U.S. Supreme Court has said that constitutions grow. Now, when you take the words "in office," I believe, without a shadow of a doubt, that the court would say those words also mean in office or in connection with procuring the office. It would be illogical for the court to be...the Legislature to impeach, the court to convict and remove a person from office for doing the kind of things that Hergert did were he in office, but it cannot cleanse that office of this person when he violated the criminal law to get there. The court is not that simpleminded, and what the court will look at is the purpose of impeachment. The purpose of that process is to remove a wrongdoer from office, and the court is going to construe the language in the constitution to apply to whatever wrongful conduct was engaged in, in order to obtain that office. There were a couple of other things I wanted to be sure and not overlook. Some people are saying that because a fine was imposed by the commission, that should be the end of the story. That's not even what the law says. The law says that the Attorney General has concurrent power to prosecute no matter what the commission does. All of these actions are cumulative, and I defy Senator Brashear or anybody else who knows anything about the law to successfully challenge what I say. The court has pointed out that if a person is impeached, convicted, and removed from office, that does not free that person from any civil liability or criminal prosecution. In other words, the law itself makes it clear and the courts have made it clear that there can be a civil punishment, a criminal prosecution following or preceding impeachment. One does not exclude the other two. These are what are called cumulative actions. You can do them all successively, and in some cases perhaps simultaneously. What we're looking at here is the responsibility of the Legislature to do what the constitution