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fellow and reading the "Bibble" for the first time, I said, Jesus knows everything, so at last I'm going to know what the truth is. So then I read on and Pilate did not stay long enough to get an answer. But we've been in the world long enough to have an idea of what the truth is. We know enough of the truth to distinguish between what is appropriate and what is not. We are taught as little children that we should tell the truth, which means, when you speak, make sure that what you speak expresses something the way it really is. Do not deceive. Do not mislead. Do not lie. And as adults, we have had many experiences that have sharpened, deepened and more "sophisticatedized" our understanding of what truth is, and every definition, every descriptor has been violated by David Hergert, who still sits as a member of the Board of Regents. If we impeach him, all we do is say his conduct is such that it ought to go before the court to see if he ought to be thrown out of office, and as soon as we vote impeachment, he is removed as far as exercising any of the powers of that office. That is the least we could do. So if any of these senators run around here saying, we can't do anything, they are lying. We have the power to stop that man in his tracks and get him out of that position where he can exercise any of the powers of a member of the Board of Regents. As soon as the Legislature votes impeachment, the officer immediately is suspended from office. And we have not made a finding of guilt. All we have done is to say that enough is here to present it to a court and let that court, by its procedures and processes and standards,...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...make a determination as the constitution said these things ought to be determined. And the Legislature is afraid. Why should I trust them when it comes to taxes or people carrying pistols or some of the other things that I won't mention at this particular time but I will later when it is more appropriate? I'm troubled by the fact that security guards have to meet a higher standard pursuant to the statute than a member of the Board of Regents. That troubles me, not that the standard is there--it ought to be there, it ought to go without saying--but the fact that we put it in statute for these people but don't require that standard to be observed by a member of