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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Have you attended any meetings where Ms. Heiden was present?

SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You feel she's qualified.

SENATOR JENSEN: I feel she's qualified from her background, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And she put some education notations on her application?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you never do any checking to see if these designations are what they purport to be. Is that correct?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, we do not. We do not do a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I'm going to go back to what I was asking you when my discussion of the previous appointee ran out. Are you aware of the fact that the CEO of RadioShack abruptly lost his job because he lied about his academic credentials?

SENATOR JENSEN: I had heard that reported, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And he had said, among other things, that he had gone to a religious school, so he was a religious man, lying to get a job.

SENATOR JENSEN: It's my understanding that you can go on the Internet and you can get an education certificate or a diploma via paying money. And, no, we did not do a background check to see if there was a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if he got...if he was going to get it off the Internet, why wouldn't he say Yale, Harvard, or Brown, rather than Shady Tree Baptist Institute?