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SENATOR BURLING: Insofar as possible, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why then would there be a person on the Board of Regents who has violated criminal laws? Are you in favor of impeaching such a person?

SENATOR BURLING: That's a different subject.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh. Oh, now it's different?

SENATOR BURLING: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought we were talking about integrity, ethics, and honesty. You mean it's all right to not have ethics, not be honest if you're on certain boards, but you ought to be ethical and honest on certain other boards. In other words, you don't think that requirement should apply across the spectrum. Is that true?

SENATOR BURLING: No, we're talking here about an appointment, and you brought up an election situation, so that's two different...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, so if a person is elected, that person doesn't have to be honest, doesn't have to have integrity, and doesn't have to be trustworthy in your opinion.

SENATOR BURLING: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Election takes away the responsibility to have any of those traits. Is that correct, in your opinion?

SENATOR BURLING: I don't think it takes away the responsibility to have those traits. It's just you're dealing with a different situation when you're dealing with someone that was elected by the people versus someone to be appointed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if a person violates a criminal law, does that make the person a criminal?

SENATOR BURLING: I suppose.