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speaking, I will distinguish--and I hope clearly enough so that it will be graspable--between evidence which proves a matter beyond a reasonable doubt, which proves a matter by clear and convincing evidence, which would prove a matter by a preponderance of the evidence, and the old standby probable cause, which could be considered very similar to preponderance of the evidence, but it is the lowest standard which exists, and that is the standard that the Legislature must adhere to in determining that Mr. Hergert will be impeached. All impeachment by the Legislature means is that we find probable cause to believe that one or more of these articles justifies presenting the matter to the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Court will conduct a trial. Mr. Hergert, unlike Paul Douglas in the first impeachment, will be compelled to appear and compelled to testify, and he cannot plead the Fifth. That is a significant change from what occurred when Paul Douglas was impeached several years ago. When the Legislature was presented with an opportunity to either...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...repeal or reaffirm the Accountability and Disclosure law, overwhelmingly, I would say, the Legislature voted to retain that law with some changes that would improve it, and the Hergert case was invoked along the way. So this is a matter which has loomed over the Legislature and various of its proceedings, and today we now have it presented directly to us, and under the constitution, we are the only body with the authority, and we have the duty, to carry out this impeachment. And the only way that a civil officer can be removed from office is by way of impeachment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on LR 449 by Senator Chambers. Open for discussion. Senator Beutler, followed by Senators Preister, Bourne, Connealy, Friend, Erdman, Flood, Schrock, Loudon, and Thompson. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, what I would like to do with this first opportunity to speak is try to give you what I believe is the legal framework of this