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the election process.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is the election process related more to official action and the office, or is the election process, violations in that area, more like a personal action, which wouldn't be subject to impeachment? Our courts have acted on two of those categories--the personal action, the official action. They have never acted on election violations, so it's a case of first impression. It's a case of first impression. You'll never know till you ask. Which way will they go? The law says that we should interpret the constitution broadly, so as to encompass the will of the people and capture the intent of the framers of the constitution. The law also says, and I quote, the terms and provisions...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler. Next speaker, Senator Preister, followed by Senator Bourne and others.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, almost five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Preister, thank you very much. The law also says that the terms and provisions of the constitution are constantly expanded and enlarged by construction to meet the advancing affairs of man. That's Nebraska law. Well, what is the will of the people? What would be the will of the people in this situation, and the intent of the framers? The clear answer to me is given in the constitution itself, in the constitution itself. Article XV, Section 1 of our constitution recites the exact words of the oath. It's in the constitution, the exact words of the oath that is to be taken by every civil officer, including a member of the Board of Regents, and this is the touchstone that tells you which way that category of election law goes. I'd ask you to take a look at the oath. You have it in front of you. It's been passed out to you. It says, I, David Hergert, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the