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SENATOR BOURNE: ...somewhat simpler terms than some of my colleagues, but that's how I asked him to approach this. I said, I want to know...I want you to research every case regarding impeachment in our area, and I want you to advise us whether or not we can obtain a conviction. Mr. Mock researched where our constitutional provisions regarding impeachment came from and then researched those states' case laws to determine whether or not there has ever been a jurisdiction that has said that impeachment can lie for acts occurring prior to the office, prior to the holding of the office. No such cases were found. I believe that the only things that can...that we can impeach an individual for are those things that were...that occurred after Mr. Hergert or any other candidate has raised their hand and sworn into the office. I don't believe you can extend conduct to any point other than that, after they're sworn in. You know, in my mind...I'm going to give you some other evidence of things that convince me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne. Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Connealy, followed by Senator Friend and others.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Thank you, Mr. President. I'll just touch briefly on some of what Senator Bourne said. Several issues were not touched by Mr. Mock at all, so this is not a referendum on Mr. Mock. There are cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court which are not unanimous, meaning that those judges do not see these issues eye to eye. So all we have to do is find probable cause that he committed an impeachable offense and turn it over to the court. Senator Bourne misperceives the nature of what it is we're doing. The impeaching is a legislative process. The Nebraska Supreme Court itself has said that the overall issue has been converted into a judicial proceeding, because the trial is conducted by the Nebraska Supreme Court, and what the Supreme Court does has