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would find this as an impeachable offense, I went along with his finding and was confident in my decision. I think he did a splendid job in bringing it forwards. I've read his brief many times. I read Senator Chambers' brief. I read Senator Flood's brief. We got those off and on through the summer, and yes, I did read Senator Chambers' brief from...complete of it, the whole 49 pages, or whatever it was, and Senator Flood's. And this is something, as a layperson that does not work the law books as they do, I found it quite interesting, but I also know that if you have one lawyer in a town that he'll starve to death, but if you have two, why, they'll both get fabulously rich, usually. And this was my opinion that it was different lawyers' opinions, so I had to decide which lawyer's opinion I wanted to follow. Same way when we had our task force meetings. There was Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers usually led the discussion, and of course they are both competent law people, having done that most all their life, and as far as I know, that's probably their major walk in life was to do law books. So there again, we had to follow what they did, and I know that any good lawyer will find reasons to back up their case and strengthen his case. If they don't do that, they're not a good lawyer. So I had to take that into consideration on what they were doing. One of the things that I notice that Senator Beutler has mentioned, this oath of office here, and he mentioned that "I have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector." Where you been all your life? This is what campaigning is all about. Two years ago we saw Curt Bromm's reputation get tore to shreds, and if that wasn't trying to influence the voters, I would like to know what was. So to me, that really doesn't make that much...carry that much weight. I think that something like that is what it's all about, and I think with the...Senator Chambers has mentioned, and I think some of it he's complained about the judge that threw the court case out, or the grand jury. Somewhere along the line...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...some people made a mistake. The grand jury wasn't done right, and the Attorney General, Jon Bruning, and his staff were advised on what the Accountability Commission were doing. So we've all been around politics enough to know