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had no idea there were any problems with the campaign reporting until the day after the election, when he received a phone call at his residence from a reporter with the Daily Nebraskan. Jacobson advised that after he ended the conversation with the reporter, he contacted Hergert at his residence. Jacobson stated that he informed Hergert of these problems. Hergert indicated to this man that it was just a matter of a disagreement, a breakdown in communication. There was nothing serious, and it would all be taken care of and go away. Hergert lied to his own treasurer. And Senator Friend and some of these others, who pose as being so self-righteous and concerned about politics, are saying we, knowing from the documentary evidence and words out of this man's own mouth that he is a liar, should let him keep that position and not turn it over to the court. Do you know why the people decided to make this a judicial proceeding, even when they had two houses, where the house could indict or impeach, and the senate could try it? Because the people wanted it to be a judicial process, and all we do is turn it over to the court. If Senator Loudon and these others, who want to hide behind the opinion of one lawyer...and Senator Bourne knows better. You all wouldn't be getting expenses now, if I took that position. The Attorney General said that under the constitution, senators could not be given expenses. I do not suspend my judgment just because somebody trained in the law, as I am, takes a position and I disagree with it. I follow my judgment. I pushed until that case went before the Nebraska Supreme Court, and the court said, Ernie's right, the Attorney General is wrong, and as a result, you all get an expense check every month while you're here. Should I have followed what a lawyer said? You all have some other agenda in mind, but I'm looking at the integrity of the Legislature and what it is that our responsibility is.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was a vote taken away from the people? Absolutely not. How does any constitutional officer get into office? Through election. Why, then, does the constitution say that the only way you can remove one is through impeachment? The constitution tells us that when one of these people gets into office through election or even appointment, we are to