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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why do you say, when this man has admitted that he lied, we should not refer it to the court to let appropriate action be taken? We're the only one who can do that. Why should we give him a free pass? You've shown yourself to be, from things you've said in the past, a man of moral...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...conduct and ethical beliefs. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I want to pick up on Senator Bourne's comments with respect to the January 11 filing and the argument that that was done before he came into office. First of all, you remember from my conversation with Senator Mines that what he did was fail to report \$13,000 of expenditures that took place several months before. The effect of that was that his Forty Percent Affidavit, which gave funds to his opponent, would not show 40 percent of estimated expenditures until almost election day, when in fact it would have come much earlier in time. So it part of that manipulative process to keep his opponent from getting campaign funds, and he knew exactly how this worked. You know, in his discussion with the State Patrol, he said: I never read the treasurer's report, I didn't know anything about it; it was all just a series of inadvertent mistakes. And when you interview his treasurer, he says: I never had anything to do with the money; I didn't even read the treasurer's report and I just signed the things that came in from his secretary. And when you talk to his secretary, she says: I didn't know any...I didn't read the reports, I didn't know what was happening. And yet, when you look at the series of events, somebody knew each and every way to get around the law, to stretch the law, to keep funds from going to his opponent. Now, with respect to the January 11 report, I want to address that specifically, because the law is that it is filed when it is received by the