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consistent. And that is true. Am I regretful that we didn't go after someone else? No, I am not. Am I regretful that we're standing here today doing this? No, I am not. This is part of our deliberative process and we can impeach whoever we choose to impeach. That does not guarantee conviction. Let me talk briefly about this theory that the actions prove something, and if an individual had proof or knowledge of what he was doing, he would not have gotten caught. If an individual running under the old campaign finance law would have chosen to not abide and would have chosen to set an arbitrarily high estimate, I'll give you a number, \$1 million, I'm going to spend \$1 million on a general election, you know what the only trigger was? If you spent 40 percent of that. And if you would send in a report that said you'd spent \$400,000, that would have been a trigger as well. But the reality was, it was one trigger, \$400,000, as I understand it. So if you intended to defraud your opponent of public funds, you could have done that. If you intended to defraud your opponent of public funds when you were setting up a loan, you wouldn't have said that was a loan on the form. You would have said this is my money and it's money, and the \$30,000 fine would have been substantially less because of the Nelson amendment that Senator Brashear had adopted into the previous campaign finance law.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: But all that aside, you have to come back to the argument, and the argument is whether or not those are respective and directly reflective upon the duties of the office. And I think Senator Bourne has tried to outline that. I have told those that are involved in different groups advocating the advancement of impeachment that I don't have a dog in this fight. I'm not trying to convince somebody that I'm right. I'm trying to discern what is clear and convincing before the court. Because if I was a prosecutor and, while I am not an attorney and I have never practiced law, thankfully for most of you, and probably never will, unfortunately, for some that have tried to push me in that direction, if I didn't think the charges would stick, would I file them if I was a prosecutor? If I had to create a tenuous legal argument to try to accomplish that, would it be worth the chance? Senator