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matter of law. That's what the Douglas court said. Mr. Mock didn't put that in his report. The law says, as articulated by the Nebraska Supreme Court, that when you take an office, a duty attached to that office is to display good faith, honesty, and integrity. But Senator Bourne and others would turn that on its head and say if you lied in an official proceeding, that's all right. If you knowingly falsify a report, that's all right, because the law of Nebraska does not require an elected official to act with honesty and integrity. The law protects a person who has intentionally...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...lied in violation of the law. The law protects a public official who engaged in felonious misconduct. That is not the law. And I'm not making this up. I will tell you again. If you go to pages 225 and 226 of the Douglas case, found at 217 Neb 199, you will see this language. It is clear that Mr. Hergert violated the duty of his office while he was in office when he filed that fraudulent, lying report on January 11, five days after he took the oath. And at the time he took the oath, he was in violation of that oath. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Stuhr, followed by Senators Flood, Combs, Brown, Schimek, and others.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I don't have a legal background. But I have appreciated the discussion that has taken place on this issue and particularly I have appreciated the attorneys in this body and the work that they have done on this issue. I believe there are issues of dishonesty involved. After reading the summary of Mr. Hergert's former treasurer, I believe there were intentional and unethical actions by Mr. Hergert. I feel elected officials should be dealt with more stringently for the kind of action that has taken place, or how can we expect ordinary citizens to abide and be honest and truthful in their actions? I believe Mr. Hergert's actions were very inappropriate. He did not act in good faith, did not act in an ethical manner. I do have one