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read, it seems that he admittedly meant to avoid allowing his opponent to obtain the additional funds that he was entitled to receive. In the letter of the law, we have an official opinion issued by Clarence Mock that agrees with one side. And now we've heard attorneys in the body that take the opinion on the other side. Words have meaning. And the word "opinion" means estimation, guess, belief, view, inference. We have many opinions here and they are views and estimations of what happened along with the inability to provide Regent Hergert with a modicum of a fair opportunity to represent himself before a bar. If he's not guilty, no harm, no foul. If he is guilty, then we won't be able to say we were wrong. If we have to admit we were wrong, at least we've erred on the side of trying to do what was right. When many opinions exist and final decision is required as to the letter of the law, I believe the prudent decision for me, a nonattorney, is to defer to a higher power for that decision. Words have meaning. Impeach merely means to bring an issue before a court. If justice is to be rendered and it is not clear, in my mind, as to which opinion serves justice the best, I must err on the side of caution and my own conscience and allow other attorneys at a higher level, the Supreme Court, to render proper justice with their review of what happened. I would be remiss in carrying out my duty as I see it and as I've been given it today, and I take it very seriously, on this issue. Senator Bourne has posed the question,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...does this behavior meet the test? My question is, who is best qualified to render that decision? Is it Senator Beutler? Is it Senator Chambers? Is it Senator Brashear? In my mind, it is the Supreme Court.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Combs. Further discussion? Senator Brown, followed by Senators Schimek, Beutler, Langemeier, Bourne, and others.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Last year when we took up the resolution on the Hergert matter, I did not vote. I did not vote because I didn't know enough about the