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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I believe, Mr. President, that I addressed myself to the Warner report to that committee. That is what I address myself to. I've directed the Pages to distribute Senator Warner's report -- preliminary report to that committee which is a permanent record of that committee. On page three, Senator Warner states "both Senator Chambers and Senator Cavanaugh's presentation emphasize personal attack an approach long recognized as a tool used by both politicians and attorneys when their case is weak or nonexistent. The committee is to report the fact. To consider the charge of the committee on the basis of political appeal or personal attack would be leading the Legislature in a direction unjustified and without the merit. The committee must report to the Legislature the following. . . ." That is the specific section to which I arise in objection. Asserting that, under the rules of this Legislature, that expression by Senator Warner the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, is an affront to my rights, my reputation and my conduct before that committee. I was invited before that committee, as was every other member of the Legislature, to express what I considered to be my view on the proper procedure that that committee should follow. Included in the packet that I have submitted to you this morning are copies of my testimony, of the transcript prepared from my testimony before that committee. In there, I believe that each member of this Legislature can judge for himself to which I address myself -- the issues to which I address myself. I believe that in each instance I addressed myself solely to the propriety of the committee's handling of the question of the question of the bond and the jurisdiction of the Legislature or the committee to consider the Carpenter - Nichol contest. I, at no time, imputed the integrity of any member of the committee or the Attorney General. I have, since this report has been submitted, gone to each individual member of that committee, to Attorney General Douglas, the Assistant Attorney General Schaaf, and requested each of them, including Senator Warner, to identify to me specifically any improper conduct, infringement of anybody's integrity in my presentation before that committee. Each individual that I have contacted has either related to me that I did not offend them, did offend the committee or that they were not aware of any specific conduct in which I could address myself was improper. I, therefore, feel that I have been severely damaged, my reputation, my integrity, by Senator Warner unwarranted. I deferred action earlier this morning hoping that other members of the committee would express themselves on this. I requested each member to do. Each member has, apparently, declined to do that. Each member will tell me **one thing in private and leave the public record stand in another fashion.** I find that personally intolerable and offensive in each and every individual case. I wish to make that expression to the Legislature. The facts contained in the Warner report are inaccurate, unwarranted and are a derogation to my reputation. Through the collusion of the other members of that committee, to leave that stand, that I have been gravely injured by this report and by that committee and unjustly so, and I take grave exception to it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, for what purpose to you arise?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, in response to Senator Cavanaugh . . .