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hearing or before you have any day in court it's published in the newspapers. People are made aware that this charge has been brought against you, yet lawyers who are accused need not have it brought before the public. So Senator DeCamp, Senator Luedtke, and Senator Cavanaugh, none of them individually or collectively are in a position to tell this body how many complaints have been brought in process by the Bar Association because they don't know. They don't know. These cases cannot be commented on. There can be no revelation, so they can't say from their personal knowledge how many complaints have been handled by the Bar Association. When Senator DeCamp said Belli should be against the Bar Association, I don't know whether Belli is against it or not. I quoted him as saying that judges and lawyers are in the same union. If he's saying I said Belli, so that he misquoted me. He seems to be upset that I said against their will, because they do. Nobody can practice law but a lawyer. Nobody. If you attempt to practice law you are guilty of unauthorized practice of law. Now the Supreme Court determines who can practice law. On the issue of the closed shop. Do you know why the legal profession is not considered a closed shop, because the Supreme Court said it is not. The Supreme Court wants the Bar Association . . . do you know why the Bar Association is upheld as legal even though it compells people to pay dues against their will, because the Supreme Court says so. The Supreme Court needs the money. For Senator Kelly, who wants an alternative, there is a court administrator who exists now. The state could see that a staff is provided to keep the legal profession under constant surveillance, to accept complaints of citizens, to investigate these complaints, and forward any complaints that they feel should be acted on to the Supreme Court. You don't need the filtering mechanism of the Bar Association for favoritism, or any other reason may not prosecute some complaints properly and turn them over to the Supreme Court. The policy of this state is opposed to the closed shop. Lawyers are violating that policy. In principle they are opposed to the closed shop with their Bar Association. Only in a lawyer, also, is ignorance of the law excused. If a private citizen commits an act and pleads ignorance of the law, he or she is not allowed to plead that as an excuse, but a lawyer can be ignorant of the law. He is the only individual who can be ignorant of the law and not suffer the consequences. An example is one drawing a will. A parent wants to leave to his or her children, they don't have enough witnesses so one of the children is asked to sign the will as a witness. In this state a witness cannot take under a will. So when probate comes and this child is denied an inheritance and the lawyer says well I just made a mistake I didn't realize that was the law, there is no punishment. The heir cannot sue the lawyer to recover for the lost inheritance because judges are lawyers too and the lawyer is allowed to plead ignorance to the law and escape from the consequences of his negligence or his carelessness. There are, whether lawyers or anyone else wants to admit it or not, unscrupulous individuals called attorneys. If they pay that regular amount of money, whether you want to call it renewal, fees for the Bar Association, or whatever, if they pay that money they remain in good standing.