

I've not followed this whole issue very closely. I've not served on the Commonwealth Committee, thank God, and it is not because I am not interested. It is because I have other things that have preoccupied my time. But one of the things that is also very true about my knowledge of this whole issue is that I am not very informed about what the options are before us and I'm not sure that we have discussed those. Senator Hannibal and I have been sitting back here reading dictionaries, trying to understand exactly what the options are and which are the most important and which are the less important, which are the most severe, which are the less severe, which are what of the options that are presented before us. And I appreciate how sometimes committees which need to do their work offer you options as opposed to solutions. Frankly I prefer solutions as opposed to options but I know how that sometimes has to happen. The question that comes to me and I think Senator Labeledz raised the issue for me and others are raising the issue for me, is simply this. If we vote to condemn then we are judging Paul Douglas. Is that the more severe? If we vote to condemn on specific proposals then we are judging Paul Douglas. Is that more severe than the first or the DeCamp alternative? If we vote to impeach, and I read what impeach means, it means that we really think there may be a problem but we are suggesting that others really analyze that and in this case it would be the Supreme Court according to the Constitution. Is that the least severe? And I would like to have someone answer those questions for me because the word "impeach" implies not knowing but believing that there is some evidence, sort of like a Grand Jury. The word "condemn" implies guilt. The difference here as I understand it is impeach could be, if we vote to impeach, that gives us an opportunity to go on and actually have a conviction. If we vote to condemn, which is more severe, we don't have a conviction. It is not a natural process that could bring conviction and we leave it to the public to decide. I think that is how I understand it. I'd ask Senator Johnson and then Senator DeCamp if they could very briefly shed some light as to which of these alternatives are, in fact, the more severe, which of these imply knowledge and what the ramifications that the rest of us have to face who are not as deeply knowledgeable and informed about this issue might