

many, many state courts have said there shall be a protectable interest in privacy which shall give a cause of action in damages in the event somebody intrudes upon this protectable interest. Now what is this protectable interest by and large? Well, you and I well know that if someone tells an untruth about us, if somebody lies about us and that untruth affects our business or our reputation, we can sue that person in slander. But one of the problems occurs when somebody tells a truth about us, when someone tells something that is absolutely true but frankly has no business in being bandied about in the public but it is bandied about in the public. Should we or should we not have a cause of action? Courts have very carefully delineated when we do have such a cause of action for truth telling. What happens, for example, if you own an apartment house and if you have a tenant who has fallen in arrears on the rent and if you finally decide you must evict that tenant and you do go through the judicial processes and evict that tenant, and the tenant is now on the street with his or her personal belongings from the apartment house and the newspapers come and they photograph a tenant on the street with his or her personal belongings and they then write a story about how you, a large apartment house owner, has mercilessly evicted this tenant, now it is true you evicted the tenant, you went through the judicial process to do it, should this be a matter that is publicly aired? Right to privacy tends to protect untoward invasions upon very personal interest that we might have. What happens if you owe money to a bank and you fall in arrears on that account and the bank then comes, not to your employer or not to you but to your neighbors, and says do you know that Senator Pirsch owes us \$1,000 and she is behind in her account. Can you help us collect the money? And they go to ten neighbors who theretofore had thought you to be a person who paid your bills, the bank has told the truth but they had no business in going to your neighbors. Courts have said that under right to privacy doctrines, you have a protectable interest and you can sue those banks who make those kinds of utterances that in effect are beyond the pale. What the right to privacy doctrine does, it protects all of us including us right here in this Chamber from improper invasions upon our own private personal interests. I agree with Senator Dworak, the most appropriate place to enunciate for the first time a right to privacy doctrine is in the abortion context because...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...abortion affects personal private