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is still tarnished for the rest of his life as that guy who was accused of rape even though he wasn't found guilty. People forget very often that a person is accused of something they are not guilty of, but they always remember the accusation which kind of, to me, besmirches a reputation that perhaps didn't need it in the first place or didn't deserve it. And for that reason, I think I would be opposed to this. Whether the press is present or not wouldn't make a big difference because as you all know there are always leaks to the press when one senator wants to do in another senator for any reason whatsoever. It scares me, quite frankly, to think how easy it would be to do this to a fellow senator and I would hope that if we don't have a Code of Ethics now, I don't think a rule would give us one. In other words, if I am without ethics today and if we would pass this or even refer it to the Rules Committee for a public hearing, if I am an unethical person, you are not going to make me ethical by writing this Code of Conduct. I would like to comment on the recent impeachment we had and that this Legislature asked the Nebraska Bar Association to make a ruling on the ethics of the highest legal authority in this state, and, as I recall, the Legislature debated it for about six hours. The Supreme Court debated it for several days. A Grand Jury took a few days. The Lancaster County Jury made a decision in ten hours. And I don't recall yet that the Bar Association has ever made a decision, or if they have, they haven't announced it. So I just don't have a lot of faith in something like this. You know, a lot could depend on who is on the Rules Committee not necessarily this year but two years from now. Maybe it would be made up solely of one political party so here is our chance to really nail the opposite party. I think it would create a terrible thing for the Legislature and I think it would probably give the people less respect for the Legislature than they have today for the Nebraska Bar Association who still can't make up their mind whether the Attorney General acted in an unethical manner.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Perhaps I am wrong, maybe they did after the conviction of a felony, but I know it took over a year if they have made any statement whatsoever. And I bring this up not to embarrass our previous Attorney General but because I think it is something that needs to be brought up that the Nebraska Bar Association, with its Code of Ethics