

weren't enough senators here to even discuss it. I sincerely wanted to hear reasons why they shouldn't have this shield law and reasons why they should have the shield law, but evidently the only one willing to talk about it was Senator Chambers and me, Marge Higgins.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So now you have a motion before you and if any of you want to discuss the shield law, you can. And if you don't want to, I won't even take your time closing. I'm just saying with certain rights there should go responsibilities and the responsibility is to be fair to everyone whether you're an elected official or not. And if we ever lose freedom of the press in this country, it's going to be because the press runs rampant with their own ability to destroy human beings whom they disagree with philosophically on political matters or maybe they didn't vote right when they were on the OPD Board to spend millions of dollars of taxpayers' money so they got rid of one man. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senators, for indulging me, and as I say, I hope some of you will discuss the shield law and actually give it some thought.

PRESIDENT: Does your motion still stand, Senator?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Are there any lights on to speak? Is there anybody that wants to speak on the shield law?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Then I'll leave the motion stand.

PRESIDENT: The speaking order is, Senator Chambers, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to castigate the media for their inaccuracy, but I'm going to raise a question along the line of what Senator Higgins had discussed because it does seem the media are selective in what they report. Now suppose the rumor floated around that something was improper about my election, that maybe I misrepresented my age or something, do you know they would be scurrying and scrambling everywhere they could to determine whether or not I ought to be in this Legislature or not? But when I have