

me to settle for X number of dollars, my word is good, my word is good. If my client comes to me and repudiates my authority, he repudiates my authority, I call up my opposing counsel and say that my authority has just been repudiated and it now behooves me to lose a client, it behooves me to lose a client. I'm not a will-of-the-wisp for a client. I'm not out to do whatever the client wants to have done because I have my own reputation on the line, my own integrity, my own honor. If my client can't live up to that which my client authorized me once to do, then it is necessary for me to withdraw as the attorney for that client.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I will not have my own professionalism sullied by the activities of my client, nor would I have the image of this body sullied by the necessity of our coming back for a technical change which suddenly causes us to open all the doors and to reargue that which we resolved. This is an issue that transcends legal liability and moral obligation. It is an issue which deals, very simply, with our own strength, our own character, our own persona. We are above polygraph examinations. We are above lies and deceit and fraud and dishonor because we are an honorable body, and an honorable body does that which is right.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers. Senators Remmers, Goodrich and Wesely are next in line.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm going to follow along in the path being blazed by Senator Johnson. He is talking about honor and I might add the word integrity. I'm thinking about honor and integrity, not only from the standpoint of individuals, but of the Legislature as an institution. Before we can even get to whether the Legislature should reflect or reveal whether it has honor and integrity on the Commonwealth issue, I have to consider whether the integrity of the Legislature was properly given consideration by the insulting way it was called into session. I would never sign a bill in this Legislature that attempted to make the Governor start his work day at 9:00 p.m. at night, or make the Supreme Court or any other governmental subdivision commence its activities at 9:00 p.m. at night. No other senator feels this way, so I don't expect any other senator