During those 24 years, how were the phone calls of your county audited? Who audited them?

SENATOR VRTISKA: The Clerk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Clerk. You mean the County Clerk?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, how could an employee of the county audit the county's phone calls and the county board members not be considered to be misusing the phones?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, we have a State Auditor but I don't think that the State Auditor ever took time to audit all of the telephone calls.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, did the people in your county determine that because you all were auditing your own calls, having your calls audited by one of your employees that you were dishonest and misusing the phones?

SENATOR VRTISKA: No, I don't think so. But I think the argument...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And then on your time, and I don't want you to take mine, but I know you have the opportunity to speak. Do you all see how it's different strokes for different folks? When he's on the county board, he's upstanding and all the board members are honest even though the Clerk is auditing theirs, but he comes down here as a new man with no idea of the kinds of calls and the volume of calls some of us get, and says because he was with the county board and whatever else he said about that, therefore, we should let the Auditor dictate how we operate the Legislature. I don't buy that. And Senator Vrtiska needs to understand that some of us take our duties very seriously and the integrity of the Legislature as a coordinate branch of government seriously, and an editorial from some editor in his newspaper, the World-Herald, the Lincoln Journal, or Star is the opinion of only one person but even if it were the opinion of two or three, it's not going to determine legislative policy for me. A few letters written to the editor, some of them by personal friends of the Auditor, is not going to determine for me what legislation we enact. This amendment that I'm offering, I think, is not the kind of thing that ought to be