

officials and there are some elected officials that are obviously dingbats, who shouldn't be really in public office, but that's the reason we have elections every two years and four years and six years, in some cases, so we can throw the rascals out. You can't do that with bureaucrats. Bureaucrats are there forever. They can just continue and go on and on being irresponsible and wasteful and, in fact, unethical and very little sometimes is ever done about it. You know, in my district, I got to remind you, when I...the reason I threw university people in here was that about the only issue I can think of in the last...since I've been in the Legislature, this is my third term now, was when President Roskens left the university. When President Roskens left, I forget the amount of money, was it 250 grand that the Regents and some other people made a deal with him to accept as he left for whatever conditions and for whatever purpose? I still have people in my district asking me whatever happened to that 250. Where did it go? Who got it? Why did they do that? The Regents never did tell us why. You know, if we did something like that, make a deal with, let's see, who's going to leave the Legislature next? We'll cut a deal with you, you know, if you'll leave. Maybe we wouldn't want Tim Hall to leave us and go somewhere else so we'll make a deal with him if he leaves early, we'll give him 250 grand. You don't do things like that. Where does the money come from? What kind of budget did it come out of? What kind of budget did it come out of? Our Appropriations Committee is in there now looking at...yeah, (laugh) I know it. Says, where do we sign up? So just think about this everybody. You know, I'm...I'm...(laugh). I know. Well, you farmers don't need any money. We know that, (laughter) but, no, seriously, folks, I am serious about this. This will...this will identify those of us who are serious about ethics in government and who it applies to and those of us who are just playing the game to the press about we got to try to do something about these terrible crooks that are in political office. We only had one and...that I can mention, and he, unfortunately, nice guy as he was and as good as he was as a legislator, is now in jail and everything he went to jail for happened before he came here. You know, some of us, we've got an Accountability and Disclosure Commission. We've got conduct that I think most of us are aware of and I think informed to pretty well. Most of us are very careful about gifts and how we do things and where we go. The biggest problem we've got with our system, and you all know it, is that very competent people will never be able to serve in this office because they can't afford to.