

looking at me now, I'm sorry, I said your name by mistake. Senator Lynch, I think, has brought up some interesting points and I was visiting with the legal counsel for Government and I don't know if...how many people know this but, you know, lobbyists have to send in a report on all legislators and the Governor. But, you know, for all other elected officials of subdivisions they don't have to do that. Think about that. You know, lobbyists can go and they can lobby a county official, you know, they buy a lot of equipment. Look at Senator Vrtiska and Senator Lynch, I'm sure they've been dined and wined and all...probably those big fishing trips and everything. And I think Senator Lynch has brought up some interesting things, and I think we ought to do something about it. You know, our perception, we're a bunch of crooks, we're all a bunch of crooks and those people that are sitting up here, they were perceived as being illegal. And you know how many times I've been asked about that? That many times. I've had no...I haven't...I've never had anyone, not a constituent ask me about ethics, because I think I'm an ethical person. I follow...I follow the rules and I've said it, this will be the fifth time, 32,000 people are going to decide in May whether I'm ethical or not. And I'm sick and tired of being...that people think we're perceived and I think we do it in here. We get the snowball going and we're a bunch of crooks and I don't like it. But if we're going to be treated that way, let's treat everyone that way, every county commissioner. I remember I took a vote at a community college once. My vote was the deciding vote on who was going to get a several million dollar contract. Now I could have been lobbied. I could...someone could have stuffed some money in my pocket. Didn't happen. But I remember, I was a lot closer...I was a lot closer to influencing something than a lot of people here ever get to, being influenced by someone. And I think it's...I think it's about time and several people have mentioned it, if we're going to...if it's going to happen to us, let it happen to everyone, let it happen to everyone, so see what their perception is. And I think it's very important to think about that. Paid lobbyists can take any...can take a member of the Board of Regents out, take an NRD member out. Ever look at their budget? Could take out an Educational Service Unit, elected official out; spend all the money they want. Don't have to...don't have to do anything about it. School board member, think about all the money that school boards spend. Think about all those contracts that contractors get and architects and everything. They're not under this. I think it's about time we start doing something about it and I think...I applaud Senator