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1 important, Barrett, for the future, for other  
2 lawyers, it's going to be important.

3 My wife owns the house in Hilton Head. My  
4 wife's insurance company is called PURE Insurance.  
5 PURE Insurance is obviously paying for Barrett to be  
6 here, to represent here.

7 So if you win any money, the insurance  
8 company will pay you. It won't be me. If you win,  
9 you'll win against the insurance company. You won't  
10 get a dime from me because I don't own anything and I  
11 never owned anything before or after this lawsuit.

12 So I didn't -- I'm not trying to escape  
13 judgments. I didn't give away assets. I didn't do  
14 anything to escape judgments. This was a long -- I  
15 gave away long before I even knew I was going to be  
16 in the political arena.

17 But I decided that, you know what? I got  
18 -- if we are going to play the game, let's play the  
19 game. And so, all of a sudden the lawyers that  
20 represent Likins, now they want to start settling.  
21 Okay. They want to talk about settlement.

22 I think they started at a million dollars  
23 and then it came down to 350. I got wind of 350,  
24 400,000, I don't know. And I said, Look, you know,  
25 my insurance company doesn't give a crap about my

1 fight. All they care about is cutting their losses.

2 They don't care about Skip Hoagland and  
3 his high and mighty fight. All they want to do is  
4 cut their loses and settle and get the hell out of  
5 this whole deal.

6 But I said, I don't want my insurance  
7 company -- my wife's insurance company, who she has  
8 paid premiums for, to settle and pay and allow the  
9 insurance company to pay them a settlement that they  
10 would use that money to pay back the \$200,000 theft  
11 and then ruin the other lawsuits that I have, a  
12 federal lawsuit and also a -- that was another one I  
13 forgot to tell you about, the federal lawsuit, and  
14 also the new lawsuit by Peter and Russ Keep.

15 So I went to the insurance company and I  
16 negotiated with my wife to help my wife because my  
17 wife can't do all this. She doesn't understand it.  
18 She is lost. And I said -- I just told her what I  
19 wanted her to do.

20 I said, Look, do me a favor, settle with  
21 the insurance company. You have had a lot of stress  
22 you have been under, you know, you deserve more than  
23 any settlement from the insurance company with all --  
24 you know, fighting all this during your cancer. You  
25 have laid out money to pay for all this before we

1 realized our home -- your homeowner's policy would  
2 cover all of this.

3 And just go to PURE and settle with them,  
4 let them walk. I'll take the hit. They can come and  
5 put the Judgment against me in Florida. They are  
6 going to get not one penny. And I don't want -- I'm  
7 not going to allow them to pay back their theft with  
8 our insurance company. I'm not going to allow it.

9 And that's why I got my wife to settle.  
10 And I might just settle this one with my insurance  
11 company too, Mr. Parker, and let you just come to  
12 Florida. I might very seriously -- if the insurance  
13 company will settle with me, I'll let you come after  
14 me.

15 You can have me in Florida. I don't want  
16 my insurance company to pay to profit you or  
17 Ms. Sulka's pockets for this frivolous lawsuit. I  
18 find it outrageous that I would even be here.

19 And so I might settle with my insurance  
20 company just so you can put a Judgment against me in  
21 Florida and get nothing. That's what I'm really  
22 thinking about.

23 But that's what I did with Likins and I'm  
24 very, very tempted to do it with you-all.

25 Q. Anything else you want to say?