

A daily e-mail bulletin of Czech wit & wisdom. For your free subscription, write to subscribe@fsfinalword.com

What Kalousek knew and when he knew it

The Supreme Court's decision yesterday in favor of three arrested ex-MPs is a potential disaster for Miloš Zeman. His carefully orchestrated presidential coup risks falling apart. Much now depends on how well Miroslav Kalousek can reconstruct in his mind the events surrounding the awarding of posts in state companies to the three MPs. If Kalousek is confident that his scheming with Petr Nečas took place in Parliament and therefore falls within the newly defined bounds of parliamentary immunity, he will be liberated from the sword of Damocles that has been dangling over his head. Without the threat of having his immunity lifted, he can support early elections and deal a blow not only to Zeman but also to his rival on the Right, ODS. Kalousek's best move is probably to seek a delay of a few days in today's vote on dissolving Parliament so that he can ponder the best way to take revenge on Zeman.

Read this later today in [Czech](#)

**HOW MUCH MONEY
DO YOU HAVE TO GIVE
TO WIN A PUBLIC TENDER?**

A hundred crowns each month is enough. Become a member of the Transparency International Club. Your financial subsidy helps us fight corruption and establish fairer working conditions in the sphere of public affairs. **More on www.transparency.cz/klub**

