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Kalousek + Babiš = one helluva team



The [virtual debate](#) yesterday on the floor of Parliament between Miroslav Kalousek and Andrej Babiš (who had more important things to do and let others do the talking for him) was surprisingly to the point. Viewers who didn't know how financial sharks strip assets from companies they control got a helpful tutorial from Kalousek (although he slipped up by saying that share purchases by a company are tax-deductible). Babiš, in turn, reminded viewers of the importance of certified appraisals in related-party transactions (although he glossed over the fact that the valuation is one of the main sticking points in the OKD privatization that he so criticizes). Kalousek also stressed the importance of having cover from people on the inside (GFŘ, finance ministry, etc.) when making a business of tunneling. With the knowledge that Kalousek and Babiš each have, they would make a great team at the helm of the finance ministry, each exposing all the tricks of the other.

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