

able to help themselves. I believe that is why it is imperative that no matter who might not agree with this, we have for too many years allowed those who would abuse our elderly, our handicapped, it is terrible if we let that continue. We allow people to get away with something just a little short of murder, and in some cases, murder, though even a court threw out one murder case on a whim, technicality. So I would just ask the body today in deference to those good men and women who have worked for eleven years to protect those who most need our protection and please advance this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, discussion on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when I am not at the Executive Sessions of the Judiciary Committee, that committee hemorrhages with bad legislation, and I think that the intent of this bill is fine, but again there are not many people here this afternoon, the bill is going to go to Select, so I will do my tinkering and major surgery attempts on the bill when it gets to Select. But a lot of things are brought to this body and the name or the title under which it goes cannot be questioned or challenged, but the means by which the end is to be achieved requires analysis, and on these kind of issues, I usually am the only one willing to make that analysis and try to change the bill, and if necessary, try to prevent its passage. Nobody in their right mind is in favor of the abuse of the elderly, the young, the very young, or anybody. So that is a principle that does not cause me any problem. But a bill drafted the way this one is drafted causes me great problem. So as I did on that other collection agents bill, the one that had Scrooge and Marley leaping for joy about what the Legislature has wrought for their colleagues who are still on this side of the great divide, I mean they were knocking sparks a 100 miles skyward, but we will have help in that job when some of those who brought this bill to us, this collector's bill, across the great divide. I will oppose that one and I mentioned it. So I want the ones who support this bill to be aware that I have some problems with the bill, but I am not going to try to deal with it this afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you care to discuss the bill again?