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SENATOR VRTISKA: Probably not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that most speeders will be apprehended?

SENATOR VRTISKA: I...I have no idea.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Probably not. Do you think that because a law cannot be enforced in every instance where it is violated such law should be repealed if it's on the books or a proposal to enact such a law should not be considered for that reason alone, that every violation will not lead to enforcement action?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator, you're up to your old tricks. You're trying to box me in. I understand that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's not a trick.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, well, yes, it is from the standpoint you're trying to get me to say yes when I want to say no and I know better so (laugh)...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You're welcome, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, you all know what it is that I'm saying and a trick consists of doing something that a person is unaware of. That which is done out in the open can't be a trick because you see it. I'm not using misdirection or anything else. You all know that there are laws on the books which cannot be enforced in every situation and if you talk to any law enforcement officer that officer will tell you it is impossible to enforce all violations of the law, even those which they themselves observe. So, by arguing that there may be situations in which this law that we're enacting won't be enforced, is not an argument against it. We are establishing a policy. We are not creating a crime, as far as I know. Senator Beutler has offered us language which is clear on its face. Is the state leasing a building from any person, which would include corporations and all these other entities? That's