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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I disagree with Senator DeCamp and I think that the definition is kind of loose and there are substances that could be dropped where similar substances are and it wouldn't be litter or waste material under the terms of this bill. And I have one other question, and I am not going to try to kill the bill, by the way. Up at the top of page 3 in line 5 and line 6, "disposes of any litter on any public or private property". Now not having read through all parts of the bill carefully or followed all of the debate, and I don't even know if any of it to that which is owned by an individual, would it? I mean you can litter your own property if you choose to? Or does this bill prohibit that also?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, you have other laws regulating nuisance in a city, so on and so forth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what I am saying, things defined as waste material in this bill would not necessarily apply if you were putting those things on your own property?

SENATOR DeCAMP: They might not necessarily apply. It might still constitute litter under the definitions but there may be no sanction against your doing it, if you wanted to litter your own house, so to speak.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, here is what I mean.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I see what you are saying.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Like weeds in your own yard, you cut them down.

SENATOR DeCAMP; You have different statutes on that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so this bill doesn't touch that or prohibit that kind of thing on your own property?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Not the prime goal of the bill, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could anybody use it for that purpose, do you think? If a prosecutor were ambitious or he didn't like somebody, could he say since it says, "any public or private property or in any waters commits the offense of littering unless such property is in an area designated by law for disposal of such, or if you put it in the proper receptacles".

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, why don't we do this? You get your