

as I mentioned earlier.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: While on private property must the dog be chained?

SENATOR WESELY: If it's a dangerous dog, yes. But, again, if we're dealing with a dog that hasn't had any other incident, hasn't been deemed potentially dangerous or dangerous, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then if a post person, post creature, to get away from the postman, Senator Hannibal, if the post creature was approaching the house and here's a pit bull, and you've seen them, and I don't mean the one who ate up that metal house either, but just an ordinary, garden variety pit bull that can kill a human being, if he chose to do so, those massive shoulders, that thick head like a block of granite, crouched with a very menacing look on his face, or her face as the case might be, slobbering, teeth bared, and he attacks the postman, that's a free bite.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, obviously they haven't been deemed potentially dangerous before. Again, it would depend on the circumstance. We also have provisions in here, Senator Chambers, that if it makes a gesture toward attacking, looks like it might attack, you can get it as a potentially dangerous and take some action. I mean we're trying to deal with that potential. This is an attempt to be preventive, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if he's...

SENATOR WESELY: There are other provisions, by the way, as you know. If that dog attacks, there are civil actions you can take and other options under the statutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, it's clear to Senator Lamb and myself that you haven't had as much dealing with some of these critters as others have. There are dogs that won't give any sign of what they're going to do, very cagey.

SENATOR WESELY: I know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They will look just like a harmless dog, they'll wag their tail, they'll kind of sidle up to you, they won't roll their eyes or anything. Then, when you're not looking, (laugh)...Senator Hall said it much better than I