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abuse.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Let's see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Take your time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: When any physician, medical institution, nurse, school employee, social worker or any other person has reasonable cause to believe that a child or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A child?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...or an incompetent or disabled person has been subjected to abuse...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Incompetent or disabled person, all right.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...or observes such person being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in abuse or neglect, he or she shall report such incident or cause, a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department on the toll free number.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, "Sister" Labeledz, you missed the category that I addressed myself to which are these abused women who go to the shelters. They are neither children nor incompetent nor disabled. They're not covered by that statute so whoever gave that to you didn't read carefully what was there or they misperceived what it was that I said.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Why do they go to a shelter?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because they're abused, because they're afraid, but they're not disabled, they're not incompetent and they're not children. Thank you, Senator Labeledz. And you can take your time to counter it. But the point I want to make is this. There are people who are trying to go to the statute like that to see if they can take me on my words but they're not going to be able to do it. That's what the Pharisees used to always do with Jesus, Senator Labeledz, and I tell you I read the Bible a lot and I at least learned that much, that you have to