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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, I don't know whether a prosecutor would file a complaint like that, but he could under this law, couldn't he?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: He could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, let's say the girl was the mayor's daughter, and the boy was from the wrong side of the tracks, and they didn't like him anyway and they became aware of this, the family, and pressure was put on the prosecutor. And I'm trying to give a situation that is shaky, because there are some less shaky than this where prominent families can force action to be taken in cases where ordinarily they wouldn't for a run-of-the-mill incident. Could a charge be filed in that situation? That is the question that I'm asking. You answered it once, but it could...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...be filed.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It could be.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Langford, I'd like to ask you a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Langford, please.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that the kind of situation you had in mind?

SENATOR LANGFORD: It didn't even occur to me, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it possible that we can enact laws, because of a particular case we have in mind, and the law goes much further than the case that brought it to us?

SENATOR LANGFORD: Well, I can't possibly see how you can bring...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you answer the question, and then on