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your time...here's what I'm asking you, is it possible, when a case occurs that outrages us and we bring legislation for that specific case, that the law we put on the books can go beyond what we intended?

SENATOR LANGFORD: This is not for a specific case, Senator Chambers, at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can't answer the question?

SENATOR LANGFORD: I don't see that you asked a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. All right, then I'm going to ask it. Can a law that is put on the books go beyond what the introducer intended?

SENATOR LANGFORD: Well, I suppose it could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Could this one?

SENATOR LANGFORD: I doubt it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you listen to the...

SENATOR LANGFORD: I think your scenario was ridiculous, if you want to know what I think.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I don't care what you think, I want to find out what you know. Now, you listened to Senator Kristensen and I, and he said that a complaint, based on the scenario I gave, could be filed under this bill. Now, whether you think it's ridiculous or not, it could happen, and that doesn't trouble you, does it?

SENATOR LANGFORD: Indeed it does, but every issue that comes up here, some way you can find the downtrodden being hurt. I don't really see this bill at all as persecuting downtrodden people,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Langford,...

SENATOR LANGFORD: ...unless they commit a crime.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...