

SENATOR ASHFORD: When we...you have brought up a technical point that was not brought up, apparently not brought up in the committee. Is that correct? Was this not discussed? Did you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Ashford, so you know what happened in the committee, I was opposed to the bill but they had indicated that there would be work on it so I simply did not vote one way or the other when they wanted to bring it out here.

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right. I...thank you for that answer. Part of the problem I have is that...that when this bill did go through the committee there were no "no" votes. You did not vote "no" to the..."no" to the bill and now are absolutely, positively against it. It's my immediate reaction, when you get up on the floor, is to, you know, sort of stand back and get ready to pounce because, you know, my impression is you're just out to get after the bill. I think you may have re...you have made a point here and I want to ask you about it so that I understand what you're making, the point you're making.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Ashford, just before I answer, remember I told you they had indicated there would be changes made in the bill. None of those who support this bill have offered any changes yet. Okay, now go ahead.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, all right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll answer your question.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, we can...is what you're saying to me is this, that your understanding of the way the bill now reads is that if you want to preclude the other party from introducing into evidence at the trial of this matter certain incriminating information, such as letters or other documents which would be helpful to your case and adverse to the other party's case, what you would simply do is you would, or hurtful to your case and helpful to the other case, you would simply bring them into the mediation and you would plop them down and then they would be then records of the mediation and then not admissible at trial. Is that basically what you're saying.