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I'd like to ask Senator Witek a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Witek, when this fellow Jesus was walking around, and by the way, he taught how fickle people are...

SENATOR WITEK: Now you know I'm not real good on this stuff.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you...no, no, I'm not going to ask you to quote anything. One week he rode an ass into town and the following week they kicked his. Now...

SENATOR WITEK: That's what the story said.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...during these days, didn't they have a situation where people who were lepers had to shout when anybody approached them, "unclean", "unclean"? Didn't they have to do that?

SENATOR WITEK: Senator, there's no comparison between someone who is diseased and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No...

SENATOR WITEK: ...someone who has victimized...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I'm not asking you to make a comparison.

SENATOR WITEK: ...children in the most heinous way.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm asking you, and then on your time you can elaborate, was that a practice and a requirement?

SENATOR WITEK: I didn't know it was a requirement, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That if somebody were a leper, they had to shout "unclean".

SENATOR WITEK: I was born in 1954, so that was before my time.