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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...I think the combination of a couple of these cases, the cumulative effect of these cases happening in one place, combined with the natural disasters that they incurred, I believe, creates an abnormal situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But let's not talk about the natural...

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...about the disasters.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they don't have to be natural. Let's just talk about the legal costs. Is there anything...

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. I don't think that would be abnormal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we have discussed which is mandated by the state?

SENATOR HILGERT: I...depends on how you use the term. I could certainly say no, because it is optional.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. And if there's an option, it's not a mandate.

SENATOR HILGERT: I would agree with that as...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now under the...

SENATOR HILGERT: ...if the definition is other than option, then it's not...if it's optional, it's not a mandate. I would agree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And under the language of this law, as it exists now, the abnormal expenses would have to be incurred as a result of a legal mandate...

SENATOR HILGERT: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...from the state. So we don't have a legal