

resulted from an accident or other cause while in the line of duty, and that (inaudible)...

SENATOR VRTISKA: In other words, if that were caused from a carcinogen, any of those things that you named in there, then they would be entitled to some type of retirement, is that correct, or am I...? I am trying to understand that. Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, as long...as long as what happens to you falls, as I understand it, falls within the category of hypertension or heart or respiratory defect or disease, and I guess carcinogens could cause that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But if the disease was cancer, and they had been...a known carcinogen, then...I am trying to find out, does that mean that they would, in fact, come under that specific statute?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator, I really don't know because as I have indicated now it's how the courts are applying the rule...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..and I suppose, technically, what you are saying I think kind of is common sense. You've got cancer, but, yes, it's affecting...but I would suspect a respiratory defect or disease is more like emphysema or those other related...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, some carcinogens can actually...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...I don't know

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I am not a doctor or a lawyer, either one, so I suppose the questions I ask aren't that intelligent, but I am trying to get a feel of what you are doing. Then I had a question for Senator Will, but, apparently, he has decided to sneak off. I guess...okay. You know, I guess one of the things I was concerned about and it hasn't been discussed and maybe it shouldn't be, but I...from my understanding about reading something about, literature about medicine, cigarettes cause cancer. That's what they say, is that correct?

SENATOR WILL: Senator Vrtiska.