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check. This is...all of these things are human actions, and human actions are subject to error. If someone tells me that my credit card is not acceptable there or that this purchase is not acceptable, that's just part of the transaction.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But...

SENATOR TYSON: And I, quite frankly, don't care what he thinks anyway or what anybody else thinks, for that matter, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand that, but you haven't answered my question. To whom does the credit card company owe a responsibility?

SENATOR TYSON: They owe a responsibility to the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because that is the one with whom...between whom...the credit card company and the state have that nexus. The holder of the card is like an outsider to the agreement, isn't that correct? The cardholder is like a third party, an outsider, not a part or a party to the agreement at all. Isn't that true?

SENATOR TYSON: I don't believe that it is, Senator. I believe that the man holding the card and offering it to the clerk for the transaction is an agent of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there is no relationship between the cardholder and the credit card company. Isn't that true?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: I am sorry, I didn't...there is no relationship between the credit card holder?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, there is no connection. The only connection that exists, if we drew a triangle, the only line passing directly between two would be the line between the card company and the state, then a second line between the state and the cardholder.

SENATOR TYSON: No, sir.