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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, were you...were you aware of what I asked you in the question?

SENATOR BYARS: (Laugh) I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you willing to make it a crime for parents to leave toxic substances in the home where a child can gain access to such toxic substances?

SENATOR BYARS: I'm not sure it's relevant to this issue, Senator Chambers. I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you want to save lives.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So are you willing to make that a crime?

SENATOR BYARS: No, I'm not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're not interested in saving the lives of children in the home.

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Byars. That's the very kind of thing that I'm talking about and we're going to deal with those things this session. I'm going to see to it. And whether this bill goes or not is not of great consequence when weighed against other things. And, Senator Byars, there are other people who have other agendas which they cannot get done the way they want to and they'll use you. And if you choose to be used that's fine, but they'll have their opportunity to stand on the floor and bring whatever it is they want to bring. But whatever is brought to me, I'm going to deal with it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm going to deal with some other things too if some people don't stay out of my affairs, with the emphasis on "affair". If some people don't stay out of my affairs, then I'm going to deal with some affairs of other