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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Jensen, will you yield once more?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, I have to tailgate on what Senator Beutler began. Between whom and whom is this tobacco settlement?

SENATOR JENSEN: It's between the manufacturers and the states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this settlement activity being presided over by a court?

SENATOR JENSEN: A court in each of the states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is a matter which the judicial branch of government is overseeing.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And a settlement has to be between the parties, or among the parties designated by the court, isn't that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has the federal government been designated a party to this settlement?

SENATOR JENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I have to ask what Senator Beutler asked again. How can the federal government intrude into this, if they are not a part of the settlement?

SENATOR JENSEN: Through Medicaid.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Through what?

SENATOR JENSEN: All the states are through Medicaid.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So how will...what will they do? Say that