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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, if we drop down farther on that page, in line 18 the services will go "to the frail elderly with special needs". Are you with me?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, if we go to line 23, we're talking about the populations to be served. I see, at the end of line 23 and the beginning of line 24, the words "but not limited to". When we put those words in it means that populations other than those listed here could be serviced under this program. Is that true? Well, it is true, isn't it?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why do we need that terminology "but not limited to"? I'll tell you what I'm concerned about. Good programs start out with a good intent. As they move along, bureaucracies can become entrenched, favoritism can develop, certain pockets or areas of population will not be served at all. So I do not want to see this program in statute structured in such a way that the person need not be formerly active, need not be bedfast, need not be frail, need not be ill, need not be physically impaired, need not be any of these things.

SENATOR AGUILAR: We can certainly adjust that language if you would be more comfortable with it, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we could strike the language so that it's not that broad. You're making it clear you want to deal with the frail elderly who are low-income, have needs which cannot be met. So I will talk to you about that language. I have to go now to page...page 4, line 14. Are you there?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, sir. Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we see the word "nontaxable hourly stipend" what does "nontaxable" mean?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That means because the volunteers are classified as a volunteer none of the income would be considered