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in federal law and I guess I'm just inquiring as to whether your intent would be to, in fact, make them the same as in federal law or to allow the department the wide-open discretion to change those basic definitions however they wanted.

SENATOR AGUILAR: My original intent was to keep them the same as the federal law.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Make them the same as the federal law. Okay, thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further debate on the Chambers amendment to LB 1101, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Aguilar, if...have you looked at those federal guidelines?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you give me an example, since there are three references to how...can you give me an example of how difficult it would...wait a minute, let me rephrase it. Why would it be so difficult to write those standards into this legislation instead of making a reference to a federal enactment?

SENATOR AGUILAR: It probably would not be that difficult, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then we'd get away from all that other kind of thing and surpluses that might be in the federal law that we don't even want. Now this is not my responsibility. A lot of people signed on...let me see before I say that. A lot of people signed on to this bill. My name appears nowhere on this bill. Yet here I am going through all of this grief which even after I've gone through it is not going to produce a bill in a form that is worthy of being enacted into law. This work should have been done someplace else. You know why I'm not unfair to do this on the floor. I have attacked the committee, of which I'm a member, the Judiciary Committee, for not doing the job we need to do in terms of sending decent legislation out here and killing off the other stuff. So I'm not going to be