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if you physically signed on to that grievance.

SENATOR REDFIELD: That's absolutely correct.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Well, the main problem I would see at this point that I would have with the bill is that the private attorney could not sit in on the grievance procedure, and if you could find out for me if that's accurate or inaccurate I would appreciate it.

SENATOR REDFIELD: May I respond?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, you know, I will find out for you whether or not they can. I need to verify that. I've heard two sides. But the reality is that they can't do that now, so LB 226 wouldn't have anything to do with fixing that or making that worse or anything else. That wouldn't change it.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yeah, but it would seem to me to be a problem even if they can't do it now. It would seem they should be able to do it now to me.

SENATOR REDFIELD: And, Senator, if we wanted to introduce a bill to let them come in, I would probably support that, because I think you should have your counsel there.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: But is that an issue that can be done on the state level, or is that part of the federal legislation?

SENATOR REDFIELD: We would have to verify whether the federal law would preempt us from doing so,...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR REDFIELD: ...but if it doesn't, I think that that would be fair.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Thank you.