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SENATOR BYARS: Is that what you're talking about?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's...is that what we mean when...

SENATOR BYARS: I'm talking about meningococcal disease.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When we use the term SARS, is that what we're talking about, an Acute Respiratory Syndrome?

SENATOR BYARS: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what SARS is?

SENATOR BYARS: It's my understanding. But as I told you,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it has killed...

SENATOR BYARS: ...I don't have the information on this disease that I do on meningococcal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be willing to give whatever information is available on that disease to people, whether we mandate it by statute or not? In other words, do you think all information that might help the issue of public health should be made available to the public that might be affected by the problem?

SENATOR BYARS: Certainly. I think I've made the statement very clear. This is the beginning for me on increasing immunizations in this state. There are many other immunizations that should be required and should be given that we haven't even broached today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I'm not talking...

SENATOR BYARS: This is one baby step of a disease that can be terribly tragic. And...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I...

SENATOR BYARS: I'll respond again.