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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who...what judge is over the court?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Teresa Luther.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is she a judge? Is she a judge?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes. And I think there's a judge from
Hastings as well, Judge...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So they are in a position to receive a
plea of guilty. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Would you ask that again?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They...these judges, by being judges, are in
a position to receive from a defendant a plea of guilty.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, they do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it is not a drug court that receives that
plea; it is a regular judge during a regular proceeding before a
judge. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if the person does not complete the drug
court requirements, that judge is free then to sentence the
person as he or she would have done prior to the person entering
drug court. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes. They can go back to the original charge
and sentence them accordingly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And could the person be then sentenced to
jail, if it's a jailable offense?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes they could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why in the world are we going to put in a
bill that deals with the drug court specifically the ability to