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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And insert "ice storm, or other natural disaster."

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So other than fire, flood, tornado, lightning, explosion, ice storm, and you mentioned hail storm, are there any other things that you can think of that would qualify as natural disasters?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Earthquake.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why did you strike that?

SENATOR CONNEALY: I thought "natural disaster" would better encompass what the intent of the section was.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you mean something in addition to earthquake when you use the term "natural disaster?"

SENATOR CONNEALY: Because we had "tornado" in there, I thought the storms and natural...and earthquakes would be covered under "natural disaster."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would a wind storm be a natural disas...in other words, anything that is not caused by human beings, which would interrupt the transmission or distribution, would be considered a natural disaster? Is that right? The word "natural" simply means not human-caused?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a human being started a forest fire, that would be covered, because you mention damaged or destroyed by fire.

SENATOR CONNEALY: That's what we adopted earlier. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only activity which is caused by a human being which would qualify would be a fire. Is that true?