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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Usually a sentence is...probation would be granted by a judge, and I guess suspension of a sentence would be by a judge.

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, when you suspend a sentence, what does that mean? That there was no cause for the filing of the charge? Or...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if a sentence is suspended, to me, it...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...generally means that what you could have gotten in terms of a punishment will not be imposed.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. But it's saying that if you suspend the sentence, for whatever reason...and you could suspend a sentence if there wasn't sufficient evidence. Isn't that accurate?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Usually somebody has been convicted before a sentence suspension comes in. But I would rather you pursue this discussion with Senator Kruse, because I was looking at another part of the bill, and I might not be up to speed on this.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I apologize, Senator Chambers. And I will ask Senator Kruse on my next chance to speak. But I am concerned that we're saying that if the court suspends a sentence for any reason, they still have to suspend the individual's license for a period of one year. And these are just two portions of the bill that I'm concerned with. Well, actually I'm concerned with the entire underlying bill. I absolutely agree with the concept that we need to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...stop repeat offenders.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Members, it might