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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why do we make any felony that may not have anything to do with violence a disqualifying factor for somebody to drive a cab?

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Chambers, this was as the bill was drafted by the Public Service Commission. I, myself, can be flexible with that. That seems like a very harsh penalty.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And we talk about the operator's license being revoked or suspended once in the five years preceding the date of employment. Senator Baker, people who drive taxicabs are not wealthy individuals. I don't know if you're aware of it or not, but driving a cab is not really like recreational driving. Sometimes passengers can do more harm to a cabdriver than a cabdriver will do to a passenger. Why was it felt that such stringent requirements have to be put in place, if whoever testified to the committee gave an explanation?

SENATOR BAKER: I think this was done in...just for simplicity sake, Senator Chambers; been convicted of a felony, rather than starting to describe which felonies they would be disqualified by.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I be denied a driver's license if I've been convicted of a felony?

SENATOR BAKER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I've committed murder and served my sentence, can I be deprived...denied a driver's license?

SENATOR BAKER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I be prevented from driving a friend to the store or anyplace else?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can I be prevented from driving a person