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registered owner...

SENATOR BAKER: And...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that it has been determined to be abandoned and that, if unclaimed, either it will be sold or will be offered at public auction after five days from the date such notice was mailed.

SENATOR BAKER: I understand now. Yes, it could be 7, 13 days, I suppose, if everything went just quick like clockwork, yes, everybody did their jobs on time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So a \$10,000 boat, for example, could be sold off in 13 days, if this is being read correctly. And my problem is basically this; that in the situation that I was aware of, it took the owner a considerable period of time to find out where his boat was, in the first place. And then the second concern I have is that sometimes people aren't home for a week. They could be on vacation. They could fail to check their mail. They could overlook the notice for a short period of time. And if you can sell it at public auction at that period of time, then it seems to me that that's a fairly short period of time and might create problems in some instances. Do you have any reaction to that, or was there some discussion about what the appropriate period of time would be?

SENATOR BAKER: My reaction to it is personal experience. With a large parking lot at a business, we don't get anything of value left on our lot. We get stuck with the liabilities that people drive up there, take the plates off and leave. And I could see this happening, but in reality what you're describing, I don't...I don't know if anybody is going to leave a \$10,000 boat. I'm trying to think back. In my personal experience, we've had a trailer left there that was stolen once, and we did run down the owner.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the situation that I had personal experience with,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.