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terminated, and because of the laws that we have here the administrator had no choice but to terminate that person because he would lose his license if he didn't, how many weeks' disqualification do you think that person should have?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What did the...what...you mean under the law as it exists now?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: No, I'm just asking your opinion. What's your opinion? I mean, we have a difference of philosophy in things. Would your opinion be that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, let me...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...they shouldn't be disqualified?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...tell you then. Based on what the commissioner determines, taking all the facts into consideration, between 7...no less than 7 and no more than 10 weeks. That's what I believe.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: And that's your personal opinion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Inaudible) definitely. I...

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: If you could rewrite the law today, which...how would you write it? Would you...zero disqualification?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, no. What I would do is take a standard, or something that can be a guideline, and I would start with 5 to 8 weeks disqualification.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, would a compromise be maybe 13 to 16 weeks?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that is not a compromise. That is draconian nonsense.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Well, what would you propose as a compromise?