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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...amount is too low?

SENATOR TYSON: The contractors feel it's too low.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to do like you now. I'm going to quote you: Oh! That's the way you do. Senator Tyson, now...

SENATOR TYSON: (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...here's what I...

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Chambers, it is all right for me to mock you; it is not all right for you to mock me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I could laugh as cheerfully as you did, I'd be laughing all the time and make the whole world laugh with me. But, Senator Tyson, going back to what I was looking at, because we do put dollar amounts and footage amounts, and I think in situations it's appropriate, when we get to the language I'm talking about, and my time is going to run out, it's going to be, again, that such exemption may be increased by rule and regulation. That's what I will talk about when you give me some time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Chambers and Senator Tyson. Senator Tyson, you...your light is next.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you. I would give this time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Thank you, Madam President. Here's what I'm looking at: What does the language of the law say? Not what would the Legislature like it to mean; how would the Legislature like a court to interpret it; what does the Legislature think will be done by forces outside the Legislature to make the law behave the way the Legislature wants it to work? That...all that is irrelevant. What a court would look at is what the language of the law is and what it authorizes; and if it is going to give what, in effect, is a