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things may not be quite as clear to everybody as everybody thought, in subsection (1) of Section 4, a person, in order to be deemed to have known that a statement or representation was false, that person would have to have actual knowledge of the falsity, and a person shall be deemed to have made or caused to be made this claim if he or she had authority over the person, supervised those who made the claim, or had the power to authorize the making of the claim, representation, and so forth. But does this person have to have actual knowledge that the claim is false? I should think that since the first subsection under Section 4 requires actual knowledge, I think that actual knowledge would be required on the person who made or caused to be made a claim. So I would say Section 4 requires actual knowledge. But people may disagree. There are only two subsections. Why would one subsection require actual knowledge but the second subsection not? I think both subsections would require actual knowledge, but that's not clear. I don't know whether those who are pushing this would want to clarify. But even if they clarified in that part of the bill, I still would not favor it. And we will have the opportunity to go through other parts of the bill, at least I will, and I will state problems that I see with the bill. But the biggest one is the heaping on of all of these punishments. And I have to ask Senator Erdman another question at this point. Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Erdman...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a question. Senator Erdman, did you see a copy of any model legislation according to which this is patterned? Did you see it yourself?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I don't believe that I have had in my possession that. I know that in our discussions that different provisions were referenced as coming out of that, but I haven't seen it in entirety.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, do you know if that model that they used--and by "they," whoever the people are who worked on this--if that model they used contains all of these different punishments, remedies, and whatnot?