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understand and receive some of the information that I've been dying to receive for...since I've started broaching this subject with family, friends, people that I've debated with and everything else for years. I was wondering if...first of all, let me...philosophically, morally, whatever you want to do, we've been going down this road and I'm not going to...I don't even know if I have to elaborate on that. I believe that the direction I want to see this go is Senator Foley's direction. Most people in here know that about me. I think...I think most people can look at me and understand that. That being said, what I wanted to do is take it in a little bit different direction and ask Senator Chambers if he'd yield, a couple of questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, the Fourteenth Amendment, and I'm not an attorney and I...but I'm asking you for your opinions here and your understanding of constitutional law. The due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, is it the due process...is that the one that relates to the states, or is it the Fifth Amendment? The due...there is two...there are two due process clauses, correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Sometimes language in the constitution will refer to the federal government. Then, when you got the Fourteenth Amendment, the court ruled that that amendment makes all these other provisions apply to the states. So you're correct in the direction you were going. The Fourteenth Amendment makes various constitutional provisions apply to the state as well as the federal government, and included in the concept of state was political subdivisions or public bodies.

SENATOR FRIEND: Okay. Here...and here's what I'm...I don't know if I'm troubled by this, but let...take it a step further. Help me understand this, or anybody jump in...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll try.