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SENATOR MOSSEY: Well, if they're that close to affectionate, then the father is pretty close to getting arrested for some other crime than assault.

SENATOR FOLEY: Well, I don't know if I agree with that. I think a son and a father can show affection toward one another in a variety of ways, in a very natural way.

SENATOR MOSSEY: I guess it...we could get out the dictionary and define affectionate. But in terms of the affectionate in a domestic violence situation or in a domestic relationship, it's the giving and taking of affection for the purposes of a relationship, not for the purposes of a father bonding with his son. If they're that close and affectionate, that father and son, then there's problems in that household.

SENATOR FOLEY: Would you agree that there's some ambiguity in this definition?

SENATOR MOSSEY: In which part?

SENATOR FOLEY: Regarding the affectional involvement.

SENATOR MOSSEY: The reason why it says affectional or sexual is because some people's relationships, you don't have...you might have a victim of domestic violence before a sexual relationship starts with somebody. So to exclude it only to a sexual relationship would be excluding another class of people that are victims of domestic violence.

SENATOR FOLEY: That's right. And you don't make that exclusion, because you use the word "or."

SENATOR MOSSEY: Exactly.

SENATOR FOLEY: Affectional or sexual.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Right.

SENATOR FOLEY: And affectional...