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of something that would be given to somebody that could cause death. That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in managing pain, larger dosages are allowed than would ordinarily be considered acceptable and appropriate care.

SENATOR JENSEN: True.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it possible that a larger dosage could put too great a strain on a person's heart, and that person might die? Which, ...let me put it a different way. Is it possible that somebody might die after receiving one of these extra-heavy dosages, who would not have died had not that dosage been administered, even though they would have been in great pain without it?

SENATOR JENSEN: I imagine that is a possibility. I'm not a medical person myself, but I do know that there has been reactions or has been circumstances that perhaps that could happen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't see Dr. Johnson; otherwise I would have been asking him. Senator Jensen, the fact that a medication in a certain dosage has a specific effect on me does not mean that the same dosage, even if you have the same condition I have, would impact you the same way. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR JENSEN: I do agree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So a person who is a physician could administer a dosage which could be implicated in the death of a person after the fact, but prior to its administration nobody would have said that if this dosage is administered under these circumstances it's for the purpose of causing death or assisting in bringing about death. Would you agree with that statement?

SENATOR JENSEN: I would agree with that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, how hard would you resist me