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Chambers. I'm sorry. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. The fact that the word before it, the noun "person," is possessive, a demise belongs to a person, so I don't know whether you have to have an educational degree in order to be a possessor of a demise. I don't know if you can earn a demise based on experience. Now, none of the friends that I have own demises, as far as I know. I know it's not the name of a vehicle, because it's not spelled with a capital letter. But based on the way the Nebraska Legislature legislates, that isn't necessarily a giveaway. Why cannot they say if, from the context, after such person's death? When you look at these papers that are put out after somebody croaks, and it may be the only time their picture and their name will appear in print, they might put something like, born into this world July 1, 1902; born into eternity July 1, 1997. No, they're born and they die. There are words which serve a purpose. Words should not become so fearsome that people cannot make use of them. Undertakers know that they deal with the dead. We all know what it means to be dead from having read about it. I am one of those rare persons who knows what it means to be dead from personal experience. When I go for a checkup, there is no heartbeat, there is no pulse in my neck, none in the crook of my arm. The reason I know that's where they look, because that's where they try, or in my wrist. And then, when that strange glazed look comes over their face, I know that they've discovered what others have. That's that I must not have a heart. That's why I say so authoritatively people who say that they feel something from their heart or they're doing it from their heart always have an advantage over me because they possess something that I don't. Clinically, I would have entered the status known...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...as dead 12 years ago, but my energy level was so high when I came into being that it hasn't run down yet. And as that life force decays and deteriorates, the estimate, the best one that a scientist can make, is that that life force will sustain me for maybe 50 or 60 more years. But as far as dead or alive, I'm dead now. I'm the only one who can tell you