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because I at least know who they are. I know where they stand, but I don't know where you all stand. So we're playing numbers. Since only a few people are involved here, if they're treated negligently and suffer harm, let the wrongdoers escape. I say if they come to the state to get money to have these vulnerable people placed at their disposal, tell them you're going to meet this standard and if you don't you're going to have to respond in damages for any harm you cause to these people negligently who are placed in your care. And if you don't like that deal, you don't get any money from the state. And maybe if we cut out some of these incompetent, negligent caregivers, we could give more money to those who would meet the standard that they ought to. We're not dealing with commodities. This is not where you take a book and you drop it and you break the binding and you can get another book or you can repair that one. We're talking about human beings. And when you shatter somebody's life, it may never be restored. This is even harder to deal with than Humpty Dumpty shattering when he fell off the wall. All the king's horses and all the king's men, even in the child's nursery rhyme, could not put Humpty Dumpty together again. There are lessons and messages in those stories if you will look at them and derive from them what is there. So who's going to restore the shattered life...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of people whose life may be shattered due to negligence? Why do you think the law allows recovery for pain and suffering? Some of that pain and suffering is of the mental variety, not just physical. People's feelings can be hurt whether they're little children or people as old as myself or Methuselah. But I don't wear my fingers...my feelings in my fingertips. My feelings cannot be hurt. That was taken care of by me in the way I was treated by white people in this society a long, long time ago. If I have feelings, they've been callused over so heavily that I don't even know they're there. So intellectually, I can empathize with people who are mistreated, and it doesn't have to be a member of my family or myself before I am spurred to do something to help those who are...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.