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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I see, yes. And this brand-new language is interposed.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask you something then about this new language.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because it seems to contradict the other idea. Which is more intrusive to the body--a tattoo or a piercing?

SENATOR STUHR: Well, a tattoo is more permanent.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which is more intrusive and invasive--the tattoo...?

SENATOR STUHR: Depending on where the piercing is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's say through your nose.

SENATOR STUHR: Well, I'm also thinking of the tongue and the cheek and some of these areas that do...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that would be even more consequential than what I'm talking about, through the cartilage of nose.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, why, then, should somebody 16 and older be able to get body piercing, but somebody 16 and older could not get tattooing? Tattooing is less invasive than piercing the tongue, the cheeks, and other body areas.

SENATOR STUHR: Well, there may be a slight scar, but the tattooing does last...I mean, there also has to be surgery to cover a tattoo if they wish...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.