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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Senator, I believe the words are probably true, but I don't know that this is the place to insert them in legislation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where in this bill would be the appropriate place to insert them?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Well, I'm not certain that there probably is a good place.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would these words harm the bill?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would they maybe serve notice to those who might be of a mind to exploit and misuse this system? If those words were there, might those words not be a caution to those people that they should not cheat and try to beat this system, for the wages of sin is death?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: That's possible, Senator. I just don't think that we should put that in legislation in words.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: You know, it's difficult when you don't know exactly where you're going to go with this, Senator, but I'm just...I just don't think we should be cluttering up our statutes with phrases like that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this truth, and by the way it comes from the "Holly Bible," this biblical truth would be considered clutter by you. Is that true?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Only clutter in statute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're concerned about the way we draft statutes.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.