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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the idea of punishment is not foreign to this bill. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: That would be correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which is better in your mind, prevention or cure?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Most of the time prevention.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you rather have to punish people for violating the law, or would you rather prevent them from violating the law in the first place?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Could you rephrase that, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you rather be in a position where you punish people for violating the law, or have a situation where you can prevent them from violating the law in the first place?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I would rather prevent them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that warnings can prevent people from engaging in conduct that might not be appropriate?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: In some cases.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you think of any warning that is more ominous than this--the wages of sin is death? Isn't that an ominous warning?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you believe it's true.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then why don't you want it in this bill?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I just would prefer not to put it in