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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, are you giving some of your time to Senator Beutler?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, I...well, let me do it this way. Let me ask Senator Beutler if he wants to ask me a question. Will that work?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR LANDIS: And when he's done asking the question, the time comes back to me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I would ask you a question. What would you say is the rational basis for distinguishing a military, a federal military retiree from a federal civilian retiree, with respect to the fulfillment of your governmental purpose in this instance?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah. Because I think there will be a far higher number of military retirees that have a security clearance than there will be of all federal government employees. If you were to compare those two classifications, there'll be a demonstrable difference between them, and there will be a much higher number of military retirees who have a clearance.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And you think the fact that a higher number in one category justifies a different treatment of a lower number in another category?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yeah, that's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, have you completed?

SENATOR LANDIS: I have been handed something on...but I haven't a chance to look at it so, yes, I'll just waive the rest of my time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Cornett, followed by