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is brutally beaten, Bruning would argue, well, if he hadn't gone to prison in the first place that wouldn't have happened, so he's "contributorily" negligent; he shouldn't have been here. Can you imagine? That is the official position that your state has taken before a court in a written, signed document filed with the court, and it will be there as long as...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the court itself stands. And shall it go unchallenged? All that is needed for evil to triumph is that good people say nothing. I have never portrayed myself as a righteous or a holy man, but I'm not going to be one of those who will stand silent in the presence of evil and facilitate its triumph. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...thank you my colleagues and friends all.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Howard, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I cannot sit by in silence on this matter. I will attempt to be brief and articulate. The role of the Department of the Health and Human Services is safety, protection, and permanence. I would risk it to say that the parent in this case had litter...little or no say regarding the placement of her child in foster care or regarding the family the child was placed with. I would ask you, where were the fail-safe systems for this little boy? Where was the CASA? Where were the courts? Where was the designated review system? There have been far too many failures and far too many losses. To blame the parent for the failure of the system is to once again shift responsibility. Thank you, and I return the remainder of my