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large, get jobs doing the heaviest work, the dirtiest work, the most dangerous, undesirable work in the state? Or is that an overstatement, in your opinion, or is it generally correct?

SENATOR BURLING: Oh, it's partially correct. I don't know if they do all the heaviest work and the...I don't...I really don't know. That's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not that they do all of it, but by and large, the type of work which is made available to them. Is that...?

SENATOR BURLING: That could be true. That could be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Are you aware that in order to be in this country legally, there are certain documents a person must have, issued by the government?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person does not have those documents and performs toil, that person is called an undocumented worker. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR BURLING: I believe that's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that some of these people work in packing plants and other places?

SENATOR BURLING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that some of them get injured, and they are not provided medical care, and if they appear on the verge of filing a complaint, they are told, if you say anything I will turn you over to Immigration and Naturalization and you'll be kicked out of this country? Are you aware of such things as that happening in Nebraska?

SENATOR BURLING: I've been told that it is, but I don't know of any specific cases for sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you're aware that that is a tactic that