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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not only a little diocese, but archdioceses all over the country are facing going broke because of the money that has to be spent to compensate these victims. When has any company, all over the country, run into that kind of a situation, documented in court? And you don't want me to call it a criminal organization? Why, whenever you want to talk about the abuse of children, the Catholic Church ought to be brought up, and a poster should be unfurled with the Catholic Church as the greatest raper of children. And when the hierarchy agrees...I was told that when a fly is seen inside in the winter, it's a sign of good luck, and right here on my desk is one of the largest horseflies that I've seen in my life, just sitting here listening. When I called attention to him, he flew.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator. You may continue, and this will be your third time, as you know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I want to show you what happens when a Catholic archbishop tried, through their crooked lawyers, to spare archdiocesan property by saying, when victims are victimized by a priest, the only property available for liquidation to pay off judgments are...would be the property in that particular diocese. But the church couldn't get away with that. Applying the law appropriately, the court knows that the archdiocese runs everything in the archdiocese. The diocese is not an independent, free-wheeling operation. So the bankruptcy court ruled, and that was written up January 1 of this year in the World-Herald, and I'm getting more information so that there will be a more complete rendering--it took place in Portland, Oregon--that a bankruptcy judge has ruled that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland, not its parishes, owns church assets, dealing a major blow to its efforts to protect church property from lawsuits filed by alleged victims of priest sex abuse. Church going broke, and that will be good. Let me fast forward to January 14: Headline, Bishop Defies Bankruptcy Court. And the Catholics are always talking about, you obey the