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SENATOR FLOOD: I agree with efforts of law enforcement that are targeted at arresting and prosecuting child sexual predators. Interestingly enough, there was a U.S. Supreme Court case that originated in Newman Grove, Nebraska, on the issue of entrapment that a lawyer from Madison County won in our nation's highest court. And I know that the U.S. Supreme Court...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: Are we done, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, 1 minute.

SENATOR FLOOD: I know that the U.S. Supreme Court has spelled out very strict guidelines to protect our citizens against entrapment by a government agency. So if it's within the guidelines of the law, and an arrest is made and it's complying with the Supreme Court's direction on that very issue, I'm okay with it because I think child predators should be prosecuted and should be locked up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Since our time is up, I will continue the next time I'm recognized.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you may continue, your light is next, if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Flood, in your view, at what point does a person become a predator in the area we're talking about--child pornography or child abuse or sexual assault of a child?

SENATOR FLOOD: My view, and without consulting the statutes in Chapter 28, would be when that individual forms the necessary intent...or forms the...has the intent to have sexual contact with a child or a vulnerable adult. That's when I think someone becomes a predator under our first degree sexual assault of a child statute language. When that individual decides that they're going to go out and they are going to have sexual contact, inappropriate sexual contact...of course, all sexual