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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Anything which is not exempted would come under the application of this bill.

SENATOR MINES: As it...as it's written, yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now, on page 20, starting in line 23, a church plan as defined in Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code, a church welfare benefit plan, and so forth related to churches, would not be affected by this bill.

SENATOR MINES: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that true?

SENATOR MINES: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why not? That's...the IRS Code does not require that they be exempted, does it?

SENATOR MINES: I...that's a good question, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If it's a judgment by the state, I would like to know at some point why that particular judgment was made. Because the definition of "church" is not very tight and some people that I know of have used churches to beat elderly people out of homes, parts of their retirement, and things of that nature under the guise of their helping the church, and then the church suddenly is no longer operational and the house that was given to them has been disposed of and that person is left with nothing.

SENATOR MINES: I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this, that I'm talking about now, has nothing to do with my attitude toward religion, but entities that might, through gaining the confidence of elderly people, be able to take advantage of them.

SENATOR MINES: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A producer...the first time I saw it, it was