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SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is his political affiliation?

SENATOR BAKER: Republican.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You know, by looking at the forms of all these other people, what their political affiliation would be also, if you looked at it. Would that be true?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, that would be true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and we'll cross those bridges when we come to them. Does Mr. Acklie have a brother?

SENATOR BAKER: I don't know whether he does or not. I don't know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard of a Duane Acklie?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, but he said he was the other Acklie family, and he is not a brother.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who said he's the other Acklie family? Gene said that or Duane said it?

SENATOR BAKER: Gene said that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was Duane present at the time?

SENATOR BAKER: No, he was not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would Gene want to make a point of distinguishing his family from the family of Duane?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, because quite frankly, Duane Acklie was also up for reappointment, a hearing that day, which we approved, I don't know, three or four days ago, and I think one of the committee members asked him if he were related to Duane Acklie, and he said...I believe he said he was a cousin. He said he was not his...I believe he said he was a cousin, and I remember his comment was, he was the other Acklie.