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condition?

SENATOR BYARS: It can be more than a birth. We see this situation happening in traumatic brain injuries that occur after birth. But primarily, it is an at-birth issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it is not exclusively that, is it?

SENATOR BYARS: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the only other way that a person can qualify as being developmentally disabled is to have suffered a trauma to the brain...

SENATOR BYARS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or loss of a limb? Would loss of a limb qualify?

SENATOR BYARS: Loss of a limb would not make you developmentally disabled.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it could not be something that happened as a result of your environment, your upbringing, or the experiences that you encounter in life. Is that true?

SENATOR BYARS: Typically, would not. I would say, knowing from my experience, that unfortunately, there have been times in the environment that young children have lived in that there have been traumatic brain injuries caused by an environment that a child lives in. We see that situation as we look at some of those issues. But typically, the environment you live in are not going to cause you to be developmentally disabled.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the meaning of "community-based services"? Of what do such services consist?

SENATOR BYARS: Community-based services are those services that are provided not in an institutionalized setting, but are provided, as we would refer to it, in a community-based setting. Typically, this is a setting that is a group home, that could be