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who agreed, look, I'll agree to liability and you'll agree to this amount, and we'll agree it will be a structured settlement. So it is a negotiated result between two parties that arrive at the structured settlement. Then the structured settlement is approved by a court. Is it your settlement, philosophically? Yes, I guess it is and, yes, having gotten court approval, are you entitled to be a wastrel? And I guess we're saying, no, you don't have the right to be a wastrel, and if there was a reason for that, my guess is it's this reason. The lawsuit stems from an injury or loss you suffered, and rather than looking at the state, you have used the court system to achieve a recovery from another entity, from a private entity who has caused the injury, the person who is at fault. You have your source of recovery for your fault...for the fault-based inj...fault-based injury you suffered, and we have established a system of law by rather than asking from the state, you got it from this other private source. It's been approved by a court. It's been awarded by a court, and the court is prepared to use the force of the state to exact it from the private party.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: You aren't a wast...you don't get to be a wastrel to the extent that you take this mechanism created by your legal rights and enforced by the legal system and to become a wastrel to the point that you could be against your better interest or your dependents and then fall back on the private sector...I am sorry, on the public sector to make up the difference, to become a ward of the state, to look to the rest of us for the amount of money necessary to take care of your injury because you were a wastrel with the settlement from the private malefactor who caused the injury. I guess to that extent, we are saying it's not your settlement because of the implications it would have for the rest of us if we move the private judgment into being a public responsibility. If I had to say off the top of my head, I guess that will be the answer to that point. I will put on my light. I guess the time is up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: And I'll put my light on to continue the