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to, because those decisions are taken not with the interests of the public at heart, but rather the profits of physicians in mind. And physicians can move the Legislature more readily can people who have been victimized by acts of malpractice. I would like to ask Senator Brashear a question, because he may have some information on this, because he has worked in the area of caps on medical malpractice cases. If he would answer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Brashear?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brashear, there is a cap, or a maximum amount, that a person can receive who has been the victim of an act of medical malpractice. Is there also a cap that would apply to any number of people who may have been affected by a single occurrence or action?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No, Senator Chambers, there is not an aggregate cap for multiple claims from the same or similar incident.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the discussion that Senator Janssen had with those of us who were listening could be addressed by saying, each one of those persons who was victimized would have a malpractice claim. Whether they would succeed or not is not what I'm talking about right now. But each could bring a claim, and each potentially could recover the maximum amount allowed under the law for that claim, until, or if the amount of money in that fund is exhausted. Do you understand the question, as I phrased it?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I do understand the question. You phrased it very carefully. I concur with it, except when you get to the end and you say, until that fund is exhausted. I'm not prepared to opine what happens when the fund is exhausted and there are still outstanding claims. I'm not certain that stops, all liability that might apply on the part of whomever. But I'm not going to speculate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. But let me ask you this. And you're