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judge...the court would take jurisdiction of that lawsuit and enter a judgment against the 14-year-old child? Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: I guess I wouldn't say that it would be quite that simple, because I guess there would be a question as to whether that 14-year-old would, I guess, have standing or would have the capacity to sue or be sued...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's say 15.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: ...in the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you're saying under the common law there is no age limit, no minimum age, and this is a necessity--shelter--why could not the child be sued in adult court and the court take jurisdiction? Either the court can, or it cannot.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Well, I guess here's something too. You have to take into consideration statutes of limitations too. If it was a contract or written contract, there's a five-year statute of limitations in the state of Nebraska, an oral contract or an account, four years, it could very well be that a minor, that a younger person, would enter into a contract when they're 16, 17, or 18, but a lawsuit wouldn't have to be instituted until four or five years after that point, after they have reached age of 19.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then a person can contract a debt, but cannot be sued at the age at which the debt is contracted. Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's possible, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, is there a disconnect here? If I enter a contract and I'm in breach, I can be sued right now. As soon as I'm in breach, I can be sued. Is that true?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's true.