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1 security deposit.

2 SENATOR DIAZ: Me, too.

3 MR. KUSE: We would like to invoke
4 the Whistle Blower's Law because we know
5 there is a good chance that hundreds of
6 millions of dollars, if not billions of
7 dollars --

8 SENATOR SAMPSON: Who is that you are
9 pointing to?

10 MR. KUSE: That's Ms. Catherine
11 Wilson.

12 SENATOR SAMPSON: Why don't you have
13 that seat. I just want to ask you some
14 questions about this returnable security
15 deposit.

16 MR. KUSE: This woman is brilliant.

17 SENATOR SAMPSON: We are very
18 interested in that.

19 MS. WILSON: Senators, thank you for
20 your time. My background is several things,
21 I used to be an auditor, I did not work for
22 the Rockefeller's, I actually was a global
23 auditor for Reader's Digest conducting
24 operational audits and reported directly to

1 their Board of Directors, which included
2 Lynn Chaney and David Rockefeller.

3 I was also, as I refer to it now,
4 married to the mob for 20 something years,
5 my ex-husband is a law secretary with the
6 New York State Supreme Court, and when he
7 divorced me I then became a victim of the
8 power plays within the system and
9 essentially got, well, shagged, for want of
10 a much better word.

11 But in terms of the returnable security
12 deposits there is actually much more at
13 stake here, and if I may, I would like to
14 take a moment to explain it.

15 I actually had an entire presentation
16 and was hoping I could be allotted ten
17 minutes, but I will give you the Reader's
18 Digest condensed version here.

19 SENATOR SAMPSON: You have five
20 minutes.

21 MS. WILSON: Both in divorce
22 situations and particularly in Surrogates
23 Court we have essentially a license to
24 steal, and it happens for two reasons.

1 One, because Surrogates Court is the
2 most political of all the political
3 appointments in the system, I know this from
4 being behind the scenes for 20 years.

5 And as you know from Lopez Torres
6 versus the State of New York, where the
7 United States District Court referred to the
8 New York State judicial appointment system
9 as the most corrupt in the nation, the most
10 corrupt of the corrupt are the Surrogates
11 Courts because they get to make the
12 appointments to the attorneys, the
13 accountants and the guardians who will be
14 overseeing the trusts and the estates.

15 Now this is critical for two reasons,
16 the trusts are for vulnerable people, we are
17 talking about the disabled, the mentally
18 ill, people who have no one else to advocate
19 for them, and for the estates to make
20 perfect victims; they are dead.

21 What happens in Surrogates Court, so
22 many times the money disappears long before
23 the estate action takes place.

24 So in the new law that the Senate

1 passed, and I thank you for this, the Power
2 of Attorney Law takes some steps to address
3 the issue, but the real issue is on the
4 people who have control over the money while
5 the individual is still alive.

6 And that includes the agents with the
7 Power of Attorney and the Trustees.

8 There is supposed to be an accounting
9 that goes on to the courts for the Trustees,
10 but no one enforces that law.

11 The Surrogates Court in Westchester
12 County in particular is a joke. They do not
13 have full accountings.

14 Also the accountings that were proposed
15 by the Administrative Judge, Jonathan
16 Lipman, are not what any decent accountant
17 would ever refer to as an accounting, they
18 are essentially laundry lists of numbers.

19 You start with the numbers of where you
20 begin with the finances at hand and you
21 account for what you have spent in and out
22 and then you give the ending total.

23 There is no documentation, no backs and
24 fronts of checks, nothing that would support

1 why this money was spent.

2 Plus there is nothing to say that the
3 numbers you are starting with in the
4 individual's estate or trusts are the
5 numbers that should have been there.

6 It is improper accounting to start at
7 the point in time the money is handed over
8 and comes to court and say this is what we
9 are starting with.

10 I'm involved in a trust at the moment
11 in an estate where the numbers we are
12 looking at are less than \$100,000, but the
13 numbers that were there three years prior
14 when the thief got his hands on the Power of
15 Attorney was \$1.7 million.

16 Now, how the state is suffering in all
17 of this is in the question of the returnable
18 security deposits, these are monies that
19 should be going back to the individuals.

20 If the security deposit was not fully
21 spent in expenses in the nursing home, then
22 the balance is due back to the family and to
23 the estate, I'm sure you would agree.

24 So those are personal victims, but how

1 the state is being affected is in the issues
2 of the transfers of assets.

3 For example, say, Senator Adams, I
4 appoint you Power of Attorney for my funds
5 because I am now suffering from dementia,
6 which as you can understand is a growing
7 concern in the state, as the population
8 ages.

9 I have \$1 million that I have
10 accumulated through hard work over the
11 years.

12 Senator Adams, you get your hands on my
13 Power of Attorney, you now go to my accounts
14 and you see I have \$1 million.

15 You suddenly realize that I have only
16 one or two family members equally elderly,
17 who will never -- don't know what's
18 happening, my family have no idea I have
19 accumulated this money so you, with Power of
20 Attorney, start writing checks to yourself.

21 By the time I die and go and my estate
22 is now probated and my elderly siblings
23 stand to inherit, there is only \$10,000 left
24 in the estate.

1 How we can catch these individuals is
2 they all make one mistake, accountants like
3 to say that all criminals have one thing in
4 common, they cheat in their taxes.

5 If you look in the estate tax returns
6 and the individual annual returns filed by
7 the Powers of Attorney for the individual
8 whose finances they are in care of, whatever
9 withdrawals they made from those funds in
10 excess of \$10,000 a year should be declared
11 as taxable gifts.

12 They are not. And that's how I can
13 nail them every time. Those are taxes that
14 are due to New York State and the Internal
15 Revenue Service.

16 So we are talking about State tax fraud
17 and federal fraud.

18 SENATOR SAMPSON: Run that by me
19 again.

20 MS. WILSON: I figured you would be
21 interested in this.

22 This is a nice way to get tax revenues
23 where nobody will mind because we are
24 catching the criminals.

1 You have Power of Attorney over my
2 estate, \$1 million, I've got dementia, it
3 takes me a few years to die, but that's
4 okay.

5 You start writing yourself \$25,000
6 checks out of my bank account during those
7 three years, so by the time I die there is
8 nothing left in my estate for Senator Adams
9 and Senator Diaz to inherit.

10 But when you file the estate, my
11 relatives show up, Rick, there is only
12 \$10,000, he tries to do a discovery, he goes
13 there is no full accounting, so there is
14 even no way at present within the court
15 system to find out how much has been stolen,
16 because if you go to the court and try to do
17 a discovery the court will only allow you to
18 discover the documents that are on hand at
19 the time of the estate.

20 So that if you were smart enough with
21 the Power of Attorney to transfer it to new
22 accounts, I will never know.

23 And if you ask in the discovery process
24 for any and all documents that may have been

1 out there, it is referred to in the court
2 system as a fishing expedition and it is
3 denied.

4 Accountants refer to that as due
5 diligence and would never be denied.

6 What we need to do is change some of
7 the legislation. We need to put in place in
8 the discovery process that we can pull
9 credit reports of the individual, either the
10 person for whom the trust is being
11 established and the Trustee, the person, the
12 deceased, et cetera, at the time either the
13 trust was established or the Power of
14 Attorney was issued.

15 So therefore we can tell at that point
16 in time any and all bank accounts owned by
17 that individual, all assets owned by that
18 individual at that time.

19 That then becomes the basis for the
20 discovery.

21 If we then find that during the period
22 of time between the exercise of the Power of
23 Attorney and the death of the deceased that
24 millions of dollars, or even \$10,000, has

1 disappeared from the -- well, actually it
2 would have to be greater than \$10,000, I
3 stand corrected, but say even as minimum as
4 \$20,000 has been depleted and the returns,
5 tax returns in the discovery process do not
6 show that the person who was the Trustee or
7 the Power of Attorney agent declared those
8 withdrawals as taxable gift income, and they
9 cannot prove the withdrawals were for the
10 use of the Trustee or the individual, now we
11 have tax fraud.

12 I have a case where \$1.7 million was
13 withdrawn over the course of two years for
14 an individual who was covered under a
15 veterans V.A. Hospital insurance, plus his
16 own private medical insurance and he was
17 withdrawing an average of \$33,000 a month
18 for a father who was being housed in a VA
19 facility.

20 Somehow I don't think that \$33,000 a
21 month was going to the dad's care, so that's
22 \$300,000 average annually per year that was
23 being depleted from these funds that far
24 exceeds the \$12,000 allowed annually by the

1 IRS for gift tax for untaxable gifts.

2 Therefore that should have been
3 declared as a taxable gift on the tax
4 filings; that's how we can catch these
5 criminals. Thank you. I do have other
6 issues and I would appreciate some time
7 later, if possible.

8 SENATOR DIAZ: I am interested to get
9 your phone number, my lawyer will be
10 contacting you.

11 I think -- let me ask you another
12 question. Roughly how much money do you
13 think that the State will save if we solve
14 this problem?

15 MS. WILSON: Right now if you did the
16 backlog I would off the top of my head, and
17 the top of my head with my financial
18 experience is usually pretty good, I would
19 imagine it runs in the hundreds of millions
20 of dollars.

21 SENATOR DIAZ: In a year?

22 MS. WILSON: Easily, because the
23 estate I looked at was \$1.7 million that was
24 depleted and only \$10,000 a year is allowed,

1 so if we are looking at almost \$1.7 million
2 in state taxable rates, 5 percent, that's a
3 lot of money; just one estate.

4 SENATOR DIAZ: The gentleman just
5 said before that he had written to the
6 Attorney General and the Attorney General
7 asked him not to bother him no more.

8 That's what you said, right?

9 MR. KUSE: That's true, yes.

10 SENATOR DIAZ: No, no, no, was that
11 what you said?

12 MR. KUSE: Yes, I got a letter from
13 one of his people who told me to stop
14 writing him.

15 SENATOR DIAZ: Stop writing him.

16 MR. KUSE: This is an explosive
17 issue.

18 SENATOR DIAZ: This is a public
19 hearing, and you are practically accusing
20 the Attorney General of the State of New
21 York of --

22 MR. KUSE: I was told to stop writing
23 them letters about this topic.

24 SENATOR DIAZ: So you are saying the

1 Attorney General knows about this?

2 MR. KUSE: I don't know him
3 specifically, but his underlings told me to
4 stop writing the letters.

5 SENATOR DIAZ: Can I get a copy of
6 that letter?

7 MR. KUSE: At this time I don't know
8 if I can produce it, we are talking about a
9 history of 10 years.

10 SENATOR DIAZ: You are in a public
11 hearing now.

12 MR. KUSE: I understand that.

13 SENATOR DIAZ: You are testifying
14 that someone at the Attorney General's
15 Office wrote to you.

16 MR. KUSE: Look at it. I would love
17 if he stepped in immediately.

18 SENATOR SAMPSON: I think reverend --
19 I'm sorry, reverend.

20 SENATOR DIAZ: My concern, this is a
21 public hearing, you just said -- you
22 testified that someone in the Attorney
23 General's Office wrote to you.

24 MR. KUSE: No, they told me.

1 SENATOR DIAZ: Now they told you?

2 MR. KUSE: Yes, it's either in
3 writing or they told me to stop sending them
4 letters.

5 SENATOR DIAZ: So there is no proof
6 of that?

7 MR. KUSE: There may or may not be.
8 At this point you are asking me to dig up a
9 piece of history that I don't know if I can
10 put my fingers on.

11 To the best of my recollection at this
12 time, to the best of my memory at this time.

13 SENATOR DIAZ: All right.

14 MS. WILSON: On this issue of I've
15 only recently contacted the State Attorney's
16 General Office.

17 SENATOR DIAZ: We just want to be
18 fair to everyone, because this is a public
19 hearing, and when you make a statement, the
20 kind of statement you made, people are
21 listening and people get --

22 MR. KUSE: I'm not going to back
23 down.

24 SENATOR DIAZ: I got -- I am pleased,

1 and I said what, now I'm clear there is no
2 proof of that.

3 MR. KUSE: I would also like to
4 indicate that a lot of this is abuse against
5 elders.

6 SENATOR DIAZ: I assure you that my
7 lawyer will contact the lady here and that
8 the Attorney General will know.

9 MR. KUSE: Thank you very much.

10 MS. WILSON: That's wonderful.

11 SENATOR SAMPSON: Let's make sure we
12 get your information.

13 MR. KUSE: I would like to make one
14 more.

15 SENATOR SAMPSON: Hold on, Senator
16 Adams, we are being joined by Senator Bill
17 Perkins from Harlem.

18 Senator Perkins.

19 SENATOR ADAMS: Your name again,
20 please?

21 MS. WILSON: Catherine Wilson.

22 SENATOR ADAMS: Can you give me your
23 background?

24 MS. WILSON: Certainly, I could give

1 you what I was going to present.

2 SENATOR ADAMS: A brief background on
3 your accounting background.

4 MS. WILSON: I used to be an
5 international auditor for Fortune 100
6 companies, then went into private consulting
7 and worked for various small companies and
8 even a couple of local government agencies.

9 And I now work for small companies I
10 also do some writing for a local newspaper,
11 and I actually left you ten copies of my
12 articles that are pertinent to these issues
13 at hand.

14 I also for 20 years was married to a
15 member of the New York State Supreme Court,
16 so was privy to all the back room hearings
17 and goings on and at the time was appalled
18 by it, but only knew a little of it, and
19 then when that individual decided he no
20 longer wanted to be married to somebody as
21 wonderful as me, I became a victim to the
22 power and the corruption in the court.

23 And ever since then I have been
24 reporting, this is only one of the issues I

1 have come across, I have reported these
2 issues to Jonathan Lipman, I have reported
3 them to Judge Hay, I have reported them
4 auditor to auditor, to the New York State
5 auditors, Dennis Donahue, I believe, for the
6 OCA auditors, who unfortunately seem to
7 think that they take the direction from OCA.

8 They do not seem to understand that
9 they are independent.

10 I have reported it to Cheryl Spats, and
11 I have reported it to New York State
12 Attorney General, I reported it to Frank
13 Nicoli, I know all the players, I know them
14 on a first name, they have done nothing.

15 SENATOR ADAMS: And your educational
16 background?

17 MS. WILSON: My educational
18 background, I am a certified accountant, I
19 have a Bachelor's of Science in accounting
20 and I have a double masters in marketing and
21 finance.

22 SENATOR ADAMS: I am going to make a
23 recommendation to the chair to put in place,
24 because this is extensive, and some of the

1 information that you are sharing with us in
2 one hearing we are not going to be able to
3 bring it out, and I'm pretty sure there is
4 going to be some duplications in the
5 testimony.

6 MS. WILSON: I agree.

7 SENATOR ADAMS: What we will need
8 because I think that the best way to resolve
9 inefficiencies and corruption in government
10 is through -- is to allow the people who are
11 personally touched by the matter to empower
12 us with information, so I'm going to ask the
13 chair if he will put in place a task force
14 that will be comprised of individuals like
15 yourself and those who are victims to assist
16 us in navigating how this problem is being
17 hidden from public view.

18 But what's important, what's important,
19 and the reason I asked for your background,
20 both professional and education, is not that
21 that is important to me, but when we attempt
22 to go up against exposing corruption in the
23 judicial system, there are those who are
24 going to question who's bringing the

1 complaints and information, that's why it's
2 imperative what Senator Diaz was saying to
3 you, sir.

4 Any accusations we make must be well
5 documented.

6 If you made calls and inquiries to the
7 state auditors, to the Attorney General,
8 anyone else, if you wrote letters that goes
9 for you or anyone else in the audience, if
10 you have those documents to show the paper
11 trail that there has been a refusal to look
12 at this very important issue and I think a
13 task force with someone like yourself and
14 your extensive background, and particularly
15 some of the intimate relations you may have
16 had that know firsthand of some of the
17 problems, I think it would help us push this
18 issue years forward, because we are
19 committed to finding a resolution on this
20 issue.

21 We are committed to doing that, but we
22 need your help in doing so, and I just want
23 to ask you two things, Mr. Chair, if I am
24 permitted.

1 If you could just give me some brief
2 answers, you know, I know and I think that
3 some of the statements, we are going to let
4 everyone know, I know this is an emotional
5 issue, but we want to give the respect for
6 the entire list of people who want to
7 testify, and we want to try to be not as
8 wordy as need be.

9 So that we can be, so we can put the
10 information together.

11 How widespread do you see this problem
12 as being?

13 MS. WILSON: Well, from the
14 Surrogates Court perspective I see it as
15 extremely widespread.

16 Based on my knowledge of the
17 politicalness of the appointments of the
18 Surrogates Court and how it's actually
19 viewed as a candy jar kind of appointment,
20 where whoever gets that position gets to
21 dole out lucrative appointments to the
22 attorneys, the players, the party players.

23 In divorce court it's somewhat
24 prevalent the issues, some of it is actually

1 due to the lack of training and I am sad to
2 say in certain cases ignorance on the part
3 of the judges.

4 That was part of my presentation. I'm
5 trying to and I hear what you're saying,
6 Senator, address this not just as the
7 insider and the victim but also my auditing
8 brain as to what we can do in terms of
9 resolving it.

10 So there are, indeed, many individuals
11 within the system, in fact there are some
12 present here today.

13 One of my many accreditations is CPR
14 training.

15 One of the problems is we do have
16 individuals within the court system who know
17 the problems and are trying to fight it from
18 within, but whenever they speak up a little
19 too loudly they either find themselves
20 ostracized, find their credentials and their
21 career on the line, or they are demoted to
22 the hinter lands.

23 SENATOR ADAMS: So what we need, what
24 we need is that from you and whoever else is

1 present, and I'm sure the chair is going to
2 give you a website, but there are three
3 things we need, number one, as I stated we
4 need some form of a task force, number two,
5 we need some very clear specific
6 recommendations in a bullet format because
7 we get a ton of information, if you send us
8 a dissertation it's not going to be read as
9 often as need be, if you give us some -- if
10 you give us the category, problem, solution.

11 That's where we are at right now,
12 problem, solution. That would be extremely
13 helpful.

14 How much of this do you feel is based
15 on incompetence or corruption?

16 MS. WILSON: In the Surrogates Court
17 sad to say I would say it's mainly based on
18 corruption, political corruption.

19 In the other courts, a lot of it is
20 based on incompetence. One of the
21 particular issues is people with
22 disabilities or cognitive, emotional issues,
23 or whatever, which are a lot of people in
24 the court system, the courts are just

1 ill-equipped to deal with this, and the
2 amount of abuse from the attorneys, from
3 opposing counsel, from the judges
4 themselves, there was an issue just this
5 week where a woman with traumatic brain
6 injury was before the Appellate Court, got
7 through explaining to the Appellate Court
8 what her problems were, and right in front
9 of her the lawyer kept badgering her that
10 she kept repeating herself.

11 Well, first of all that is a symptom of
12 traumatic brain injury, but no one on the
13 appellate bench stepped in to stop the
14 attorney from badgering her in such a
15 fashion.

16 She should have been protected, and as
17 you know, our returning vets are suffering
18 from TBI, so this should be understood by
19 the court system, so there is a lack of
20 knowledge.

21 SENATOR ADAMS: Lastly, how effective
22 do you believe the systems are in place to
23 respond and report to those allegations of
24 corruption?

1 MS. WILSON: Actually very
2 ineffective. The systems that are in place
3 now, as I said the internal auditors within
4 OCA seem to feel that they report to OCA,
5 they are not independent.

6 The investigators such as Cheryl Spats,
7 and even the Attorney General are limited by
8 law as to what they can respond to.

9 I think what the system really needs,
10 in fact state-wide, are independent
11 auditors, an audit committee that does not
12 report to anyone in the court system and
13 that can step in at any time and do an
14 audit.

15 The problem with investigations by the
16 lawyers is you're now governed by legal
17 statutes.

18 Attorneys have to obey whatever the
19 Senate says. Auditors report to federal
20 standards, so we have more discretion.

21 If I was an attorney investigating I
22 would have to get a subpoena, I would have
23 to go through a discovery process.

24 If I'm an auditor and I suspect you of

1 fraud, I show up.

2 I don't tell you I'm coming. I walk
3 right in.

4 So the problem right now is with the
5 way things are run by the time you go to
6 catch the fox, they have already hid all the
7 chickens.

8 SENATOR ADAMS: Thank you.

9 SENATOR SAMPSON: We have been joined
10 by Senator Bill Perkins.

11 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

12 SENATOR PERKINS: I just want to ask
13 one quick question, particularly with
14 respect to the Surrogates Court.

15 I didn't get the benefit of her opening
16 remarks, I'm not sure if we are on the right
17 path, but you mentioned that the Surrogates
18 Court and the corruption and the political
19 corruption, did you mention that?

20 MS. WILSON: The way Surrogates Court
21 is set up largely handles trusts and
22 estates, so you have people who cannot speak
23 for themselves, they are either disabled or
24 they are dead.

1 So what happens is a lot of times
2 guardians are appointed, Trustees are
3 appointed, accountants are appointed, sadly
4 members of my own profession who get these
5 appointments by nature of the amount of
6 political campaigns that they give to the
7 judges who hold these positions.

8 Now, technically everybody is supposed
9 to report their contributions to a judge,
10 but for every rule there is a loophole.

11 My ex-husband used to go into his
12 Judge's Chambers and pull the contribution
13 lists off his desk when he wasn't looking
14 and bring them home and show me everybody's
15 mother-in-law, brother, ex-wife or whatever,
16 they made the contributions through third
17 parties.

18 And then what happens at the meet and
19 greet is whoever the person who really made
20 the contribution, they show up with the
21 ticket so they can shake the judge's hand,
22 nudge, nudge, wink, wink, you know I'm the
23 one whose really paying for your black
24 bathrobe.

1 So in turn when the judges get their
2 appointments, they are now seen in
3 Surrogates Court, they return the favor by
4 appointing these individuals to Trustee's of
5 these multimillion dollar trusts for the
6 disabled and/or to guardians or whatever of
7 the deceased.

8 And I say what the problem is, though,
9 the way, between the corruption of the
10 appointments which guarantees that no full
11 accountings are rarely done, despite the law
12 saying they have to be, between that and the
13 ability of the individuals in the system to
14 understand what to look for, and the
15 limitations of what is allowed in the
16 discovery process, it's a perfect storm for
17 anyone who wants to go in and deplete the
18 assets of a disabled victim.

19 SENATOR PERKINS: So the Surrogates,
20 you seem to be somewhat familiar with the
21 process of this corruption.

22 MS. WILSON: 20 years married to the
23 mob.

24 SENATOR PERKINS: 20 years married to

1 who?

2 MS. WILSON: My ex is a New York
3 State Law secretary for the New York State
4 Supreme Court, and his judge is one of the
5 most powerful political judges in
6 Westchester County.

7 His golfing buddies are George Pataki
8 and Donald Trump.

9 SENATOR PERKINS: I'm just wondering
10 with that depth of knowledge and
11 appreciation of how the process of
12 corruption takes place.

13 Have you had an opportunity to share
14 that with the appropriate authorities?

15 MS. WILSON: I sadly just gave them
16 the laundry list, yes, for the last six
17 years I have reached out to everybody I
18 could think of.

19 SENATOR PERKINS: Sorry, you don't
20 have to continue.

21 MS. WILSON: That's fine.

22 SENATOR PERKINS: So then having done
23 that, now you are talking about the
24 Surrogates throughout the state, or at any

1 particular area, Westchester only?

2 MS. WILSON: Well, I initially
3 started with my claims and accusations and
4 findings with the divorce courts and then
5 expanded that, became known and was asked to
6 start doing some writings for a local
7 newspaper and now got into Surrogates.

8 SENATOR PERKINS: I don't want to
9 take too much time.

10 Now, again, your surrogate research is
11 state-wide, Westchester, New York City, give
12 me some sense of this.

13 MS. WILSON: It started out as
14 Westchester, it's now becoming state-wide,
15 but this is beyond your jurisdiction, it
16 seems to be national.

17 But it is definitely state-wide.

18 SENATOR PERKINS: Have you focused at
19 all on New York City?

20 MS. WILSON: I have gotten some New
21 York City cases, yes, I have had three so
22 far just in the last couple of months from
23 Queens, and Nassau County.

24 SENATOR PERKINS: And you have had an

1 opportunity to share your information with
2 the D.A.'s office, or anybody of that
3 caliber.

4 MS. WILSON: I only just recently
5 filed with the New York City Attorney
6 General's to inform them that I want to
7 pursue this with them.

8 MR. KUSE: The Whistle Blower's Law.

9 MS. WILSON: I filed under the IRS
10 Whistle Blower's Law for protection, I just
11 sent that into the IRS.

12 SENATOR PERKINS: Okay, thank you.

13 MS. WILSON: You are most welcome.

14 SENATOR SAMPSON: Thank you very
15 much, Senator Perkins, Ms. Wilson, thank you
16 very much.

17 I guess we wanted to have a further
18 conversation with you with respect to the
19 cases that you are working on, and maybe get
20 more in-depth involved, especially when we
21 create this task force, okay?

22 MS. WILSON: I am most willing to be
23 as most helpful as I can, and, Senator
24 Adams, if you manage to get that task force

1 together, I will gladly be a member of it.

2 SENATOR SAMPSON: Thank you very
3 much.

4 MR. KUSE: Senator Sampson, I would
5 just like to take another 30 seconds.

6 Senator Sampson, our elders, these are
7 beloved elders, they are not farm animals to
8 be harvested. There is a line in the Bible
9 that says as you do it unto the least of
10 these, you do it unto me.

11 Reverend Diaz you know it as well I as
12 I do, my background is the same as yours.

13 SENATOR SAMPSON: Next speaker is
14 Victor Kovner, we will wait.

15 Douglas Higbee of Mamaroneck, New York.
16 Douglas, are you here?

17 MR. HIGBEE: I asked to be put on the
18 back of the list, push me back.

19 SENATOR SAMPSON: Okay. Judith
20 Herskowitz of Miami Beach, Florida. I know
21 we went over the last one, but I think we
22 are going to stick to the ten minutes,
23 because we want to get the questions in. So
24 try to be as brief as possible.