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SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: I'm glad you asked that, Senator Beutler, because that is another part of the amendment that I had no part in drafting, so I will refer that question to Senator Abboud. Again, that was part of his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Abboud, if...

SENATOR ABOUD: Could you repeat the question for me, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, I'm down on page 1650 in the second line 13 with the sentence that reads "upon application by the complainant and in such circumstances as the court may deem just, the court may appoint an attorney for such complainant and may authorize the commencement of the action without the payment of fees, costs, or security." What is that intended to do, or what standard is that meant to set up? Is this an indigent kind of standard or...?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I believe that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: How do you envision that working?

SENATOR ABOUD: Again, that was federal language, that's the reason why it was added in. But I envision that's for indigents. I think it is, yeah, I think it is for indigents as far as when you get into...it changes I believe also...it was probably put in as a result of the change of the nature of the case since we are talking about district court. So I think that's the reason why it was put in but, again, it follows along the lines of federal law. It is the same exact language as federal law, as a matter of fact.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it is only meant to apply if a person can't afford an attorney?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, I would assume. I mean, I don't know why else, why else a court would appoint an attorney.