

**PLAINTIFFS' EXHIBIT W**  
To Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion  
For Summary Judgment  
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SENATOR BOURNE: ...Get started, or restarted. Senator Price to open on Legislative Bill 1,000. As Senator Price makes her way forward, can I have a show of hands here of those here wishing to testify in support of this next bill? I see three or four, five, six. Those in opposition? It's okay. I see a number of hands in opposition as well. I know some of you are here for the last hearing. I want to articulate again that, in my mind, anyway, the Legislature is an exchange of ideas, so we won't have any demonstrations from the audience. No cheering, jeering, cat calling, we're just not going to do that today. And again, we're going to make use of the on-deck area. We'll take the introducer first, of course, proponents, opponents, and then neutral testifiers. We're going to ask that you sign in in the on-deck area, then when you come forward, where the senator is, to clearly state and spell your name for the record. With that, Senator Price to open on Legislative Bill 1000. Welcome.

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love it. The only aim they have is to entertain and make money off that animal, so they don't want it to have the appearance of being abused. So I'm not saying they withhold food or water. That would go against what they're trying to do. They couldn't come here with an emaciated elephant, or one that was going to show signs of abuse. And there were statements made describing the substances that could be used to hide injuries and wounds, and people in the audience couldn't see them anyway. So these statements that were made about how they love these animals and treat them like children are lost on me as far as being convincing of anything except that they want to keep the money maker in good health. You look like a man who could play football himself. You know that football teams have their own trainers, their own doctors, and they pay these football players a lot of money, the stars, but they also want them to play when they're hurt. They'll put a quarterback in a flak jacket. They'll put casts, splints, and some of them will have their fingers in splints, and a huge club-like wrapping because they are there to play. And the point I'm getting to is this, when people have a living thing as a source of income, whether another human being or an animal,

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the animal's health is not uppermost, but how to keep it in a condition to generate the money. So I'm not quarreling with anything you said about people liking to see the animal acts. I'm looking behind what brings that animal to do something as degrading and stupid in appearance as standing on its head. A magnificent animal like an elephant made to stand on its head and people are proud when they can do that. So, I admit my view of all of it is different, I'm sure, from everybody else's. I did go to the circus when I was little, and I didn't like what I saw, and I didn't even want to go anymore.

AL PENNER: I don't argue with that or debate that. I would just ask that don't broad brush an entire industry by a few or some bad, you know, actors within it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's why I'm not attacking what you said because I understood the point you were making and I'm not going to attack that, either.

SENATOR BOURNE: Further questions for Mr. Penner? Seeing none, thank you.

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