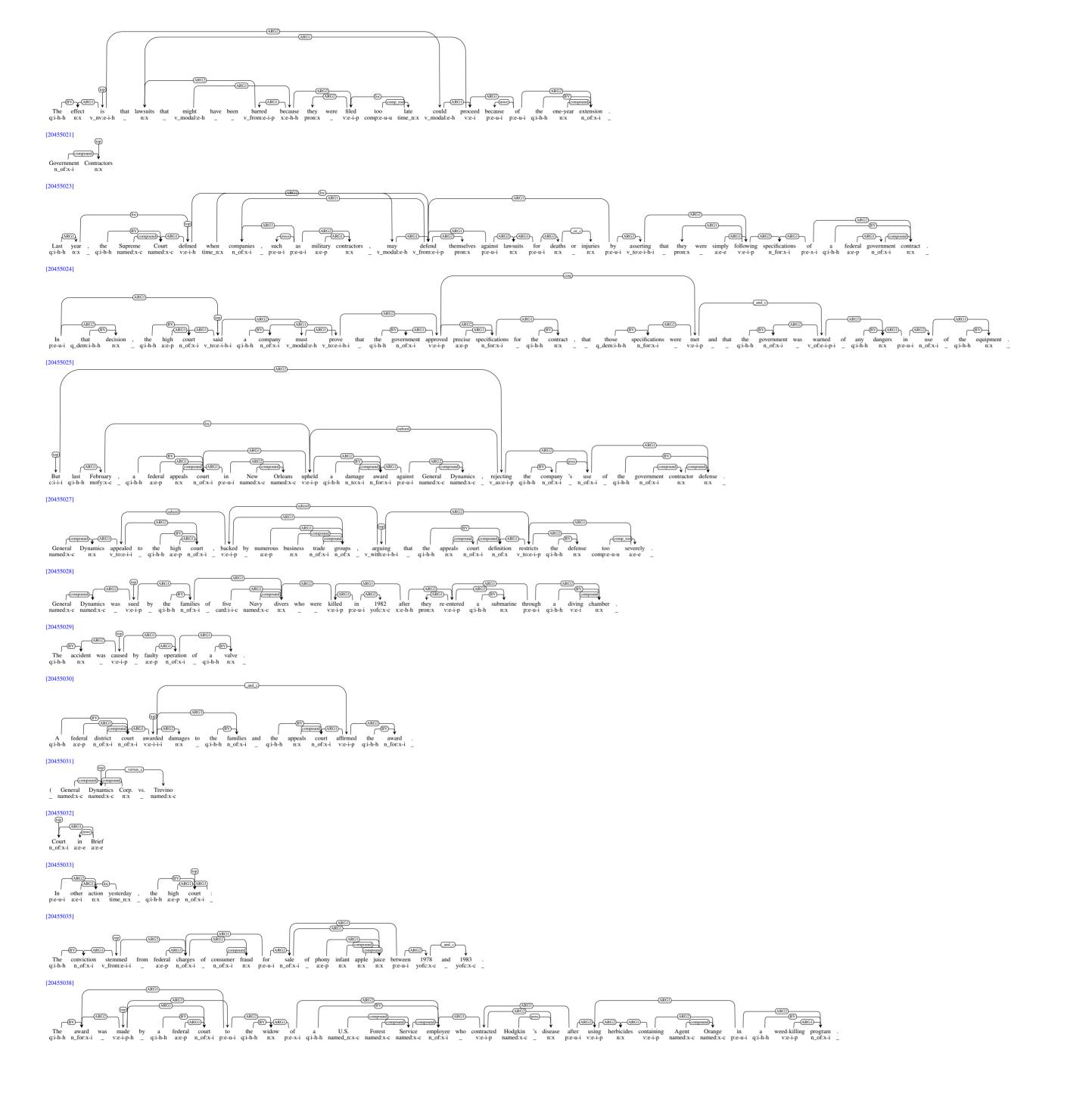
Document 0455 The high court 's action , refusing to hear appeals by several drug companies , is likely to have a significant impact at several levels . q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i _ n:x _ v:e-i-h _ v:e-i-p _ n:x _ p:e-u-i a:e-p _ n:x _ n_of:x-i _ a:e-h _ v:e-i-i q:i-h-h a_of:re-p _ n:x _ p:e-u-i a:e-p _ The lawsuits stemmed from the development of cancer and other problems in the daughters of women who took the drug q:i-h-h n:x v_from:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h n:x v_from:e-i-i _ q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-p-u q:i-h not only in DES cases but in other product-related lawsuits , as well . _ p:e-u-i named:x-c n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i a:e-i v_to:e-i-p n:x _ a:e-e _ On a broader scale , the ruling could encourage other states ' courts to adopt the logic of the New York court p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x v_modal:e-h v:e-i-i-h a:e-i n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-c n_of:x-i a New York lawyer who represents DES victims, said that before the New York ruling, only the states of Washington and Wisconsin had followed the California decision q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x _ v:e-i-p named:x-c n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x _ x:e-u q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ named:x-c _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x named:x-c named:x-c tremendous influence on other states , especially small ones , " said Mr. Rheingold h a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i a:e-i n_of:x-i _ a:e-p x:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i n:x named:x-c x:e-h-h named:x-c named:x-c , which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use from the 1940s until 1971 to prevent miscarriages during pregnancy c _ _ _ v:e-i-p _ q:i-h-h named:x-c _ name The appeals involved DES q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c In 1971 , the FDA banned the use of DES after studies linked it to cancer and other problems in daughters of women who took the drug p:e-u-i yofc:x-c _ q:i-h-h named_n:x-c v_from:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ named:x-c x:e-h-h n_of:x-i v:e-i-p-h pron:x p:e-u-i n:x _ a:e-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n:x _ p:e-x-i n:x _ v:e-i-p-u q:i-h-h n:x ve flooded federal and state courts in the past decade v_cause:e-i-p a:e-p _ n_of:x-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x top (ARGI) Each company 's share of liability would be based on their share of the national DES market q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ n_of:x-i _ n:x v_modal:e-h _ v:e-i-p-h p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c n:x The New York court also upheld a state law , passed in 1986 , extending for one year the statute of limitations on filing DES lawsuits . q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-c n_of:x-i a:e-h v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n:x _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i yofc:x-c _ v:e-i-p p:e-u-i card:i-i-c n:x q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i n:x p:e-u-i v:e-i-p named:x-c

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