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Chambers in this amendment or in the following and we will probably have a great deal of discussion as the morning goes on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pappas, and then Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, would Senator Pirsch yield to some questions?

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, would you respond, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Of course.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Under this bill as written or drafted now, with all the amendments and stuff, and I didn't keep up with some of them, if, say a child that is a foster child is caught for shoplifting, is the state responsible?

SENATOR PIRSCH: No. We...Senator Smith introduced that amendment on General File and that was taken out.

SENATOR PAPPAS: If a child, say, that lives at Boys Town is caught shoplifting, who is responsible?

SENATOR PIRSCH: That would depend on the status I would imagine of that.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Is there any particular reason that the state should be held in a different light than private citizens on responsibility?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, that was the discussion when the committee put on that amendment and then also when Senator Smith was successful in putting on the amendment which took the state out.

SENATOR PAPPAS: The state is not liable but we're going to make everybody else liable.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Parents in particular.

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SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.