

it ever been an attempt, by me to badger the bill. If it is voted down now, I'm not going to deal with the...I'm not going to ask for the ability to voicetape these types of meetings on Select File. So I'd just as soon deal with it today.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you. Okay, let's get to the amendment right before you right now. You're probably really confused after that little exchange. Senator Hall is offering to you an amendment which would require voicetaping to meet the provisions of this bill after the initial investigatory contact by authorities at the scene of circumstances giving rise to an investigation any interview of a child as defined in Section 3 of this act by and law enforcement personnel, the prosecuting attorney or any other person assisting in the prosecution. All of these people are going to have to be voicetaped. I submit to you that that is a very cumbersome process that is still very broad language. I appreciate the concern that Senator Hall is raising here and he is saying what happens if the defendant is being set up. What happens if that person has been falsely accused by a disgruntled spouse or a disgruntled relative or whomever? Shouldn't there be a record voicetape record there to protect that person? I'm saying given the circumstances here, that this is an inappropriate amendment for LB 90. LB 90 is a very, very narrow bill and to add this in at this point I think gets at a legitimate issue but it really doesn't have anything to do with LB 90. What I have proposed is that we should look at this whole defense discovery issue as a separate bill, it needs a hearing, it will be very difficult to resolve and if indeed the kinds of abuses that are going on out there that Senator Hall is concerned about, and I'm concerned about that too, whether we amend this onto LB 90 or not doesn't really resolve that. People are still probably going to unjustly accuse in some instances their spouse or someone else of abusing a child in a vindictive fashion.

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: All this amendment will do is simply make this process more cumbersome, make the child have to come in contact with a microphone which I'm told by judges even frightens some children. I think it makes the mental health worker's job more difficult. It still is very broad, it still could apply as I read this to any number of people that might be unintended. I would urge you to reject this amendment. I'm going to turn my light on and discuss this some more in case