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have a very serious situation with the drivers' licenses in this state, and we absolutely have to do something to change it. And my sense is that with the amendments that we've adopted to put in place the protections as to how this information can be used, that the facial contour mapping will exist only as a protection for the individuals rather than something that can be used against them. And so from a policy standpoint, I think that we need to be making sure that we have in place very clear restrictions on how that information can be released, and I think that we've done that with the amendments that we have adopted before, but maybe we need to look at something else in terms of a protection on the release of that information. But I...it's my sense that it will...it's a protection to the individual to have information that will confirm that this driver's...that this person that they are saying on the...in their driver's license they are is who they really are. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. And I think this issue is important enough that I agree with Senator Chambers that I hope everyone pays attention to it because I think it is...if we adopt this or don't adopt it, I think we're going to live that way for several years at least, with whatever our policy decision is. I was thinking, as I was listening to some of the discussion, I think Senator Brown captured it pretty well, that in some ways this is actually...this is actually adding some protection to the misuse of the license and the misuse of my identity, and so I think you could look at it in that sense as well. And my amendment, I've attempted to identify the least intrusive method of having this kind of identification, and that is the facial features, not a DNA test, not a thumbprint, not a retina scan, but simply a facial feature, your picture, which is going to be taken anyway. And the only difference will be that they will apply an arithmetic algorithm to your face to be able to more certainly identify the features and store those. If Senator Chambers would yield to a question, I would like to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, Senator Bromm would like