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SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, our intent is to capture what is in reality and to make sure that we didn't just put race because of the part that you did say that Hispanics are traditionally listed as white, and so we needed to make sure we had both race or ethnicity so that we would capture what the data is. We do not want that to be exclusive, one or the other, we want to make sure that that kind of data is captured so that we have a true picture of what's going on out there. So our intent is, if it's someone of a different ethnicity, that that will be put down as part of the data we catch.

SENATOR HILGERT: And thank you very much, Senator. I wanted to establish that very clearly on the record. I know that this term is used oftentimes when referring to differences in folks these days, race or ethnicity. But used in this context I wanted to make the intent of the Legislature clear and not as it could strictly be construed as an optional reporting requirement, race or ethnicity, record the race and/or ethnicity. May...maybe some better wording would come to mind on Select File. But I want that intent to be clear. This is not an optional thing. You cannot just put down Caucasian, that we do intend to record these different identifying characteristics of our residents here in the state. The second question I have, Senator Connealy, if you could run through an example on...and again I'm reading from the committee amendments. On page 3, line 18 and 19, it says a copy of each allegation of racial profiling received.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: Could you...Mr. President, am I the next speaker as well?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, you are, Senator.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. If you could run through an example of how such an allegation is to be filed and with who and if you could elaborate on that.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Right. We didn't put all the rules and