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page 3 of the committee amendments, it speaks to individuals who have been convicted of a felony sex offense or other specified offense before the effective date of this act, who has not already had a DNA sample drawn pursuant to this section, and who is still serving a term of confinement for such offense. Going back to my original statements, in that I think, I think, and speaking to some old cohorts in the Probation Office, a lot of offenders that are on community supervision based or probation based supervision have escaped the DNA collection. It appears to me we could have a section here that would allow for a...allow for the collection of samples for those that are on probation right now and, to go back, if you will, and get collections from them as well. But the committee amendment...and this is old language, by the way, this is not new language...only allows for those that have been sentenced to a term of confinement. Would the committee be interested in amending that to include those that are currently on a community-based supervision sentence and not just confinement, and would you, as your...in your position as Vice Chair of the committee, be interested in that type of an amendment?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Senator Synowiecki, first of all, let me tell you that none of these people are on probation. However, today, as you know, we are seeing a lot of people who are ordered to probation following their confinement. The bill does say that they...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...the sample will come in when they are confined. However, any amendments that need to be changed from this point forward would not be the committee's thing. It would go to the introducer of the bill, and you'll have to talk to Senator Johnson for that because we...I see no problem with it, but it would be entirely up to Senator Johnson and amended on Select File.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Johnson.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Johnson, would you yield, please?