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SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Howard. There are no further lights on. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to close on LB 1199.

SENATOR BOURNE:      Did you...Senator Howard, did you, as part of my closing, want to continue? Would Senator Howard yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD:      Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE:      If we could, if you have other questions, I mean, I'd be happy to visit with you now or off the floor, however.

SENATOR HOWARD:      Well, in a nutshell, I realize the diagnosis is an important part of the civil commitment, so I just wanted clarity on when that would occur, if it would occur while the individual was in prison, when the individual would be released. Because in the situation that I outlined, there wasn't a civil commitment available, so the stepfather did his time and then simply was released. But with what you outline, there would be a safeguard for this child.

SENATOR BOURNE:      Correct.

SENATOR HOWARD:      And I just...I would like to know when the evaluation would be done in order to give you that information.

SENATOR BOURNE:      Okay. That's fair enough. Thank you. We've had a good discussion, I believe, on the bill. I'd be happy to work with Senator Howard, Senator Byars, Senator Beutler and all. I do think it's a collaborative process and I think the more people that are involved in making sure of this language the better the bill will be. So I hope for and look forward to continued dialogue and participation between now and Select File. With that, I'd urge your advancement of LB 1199, and thank you to all who were involved.