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SENATOR VICKERS: And I think that is appropriate and would certainly accept the committee amendments in that regard.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But the Section 5 that is on page 26 presently, would that be out then?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, I'm not doing anything with that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, that would be renumbered then as 6 or...?

SENATOR VICKERS: I think that is with the committee amendments as a matter of fact.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, you're not speaking to that then?

SENATOR VICKERS: No, I'm not speaking to that.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you, Senator Vickers. I would concur with Senator Vickers because I think it makes sense. The fear is of course that you should not be able to collect from the state if you are a relative of the offender and to make it separate that if you aid or abet the offender in the commission of a crime that very definitely you should not be eligible for the state payment. And I think, Senator Sieck, do you not have an amendment up there to eliminate the bill Section 5 and I'll speak against or I'll speak for his amendment to eliminate the present Section 5 in the law but I do concur with Senator Vickers that this makes sense, makes it clear and does prevent any abuse of our intention in aiding true victims. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Warner, did you wish to speak on the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, now that I've saw what it was doing, the suggestion where we uncoupled, we were looking at the green book, the provision of being a relative and aided and abetted, it would, as a result of public hearing, the agency made the suggestion and I think probably they were really interested in making sure that...and Senator Vickers' amendment does this, making sure that if the offender or the victim rather aided and abetted the offender that they wouldn't qualify and that remains as a separate... that's what I was having trouble with. That remains as a separate item. I don't have a strong feeling of opposition to the amendment at all.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Vickers, to close.