

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Does anyone else wish to speak on this amendment? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Wickersham, could I ask you some questions just for the record, because we did have the hearing yesterday and there were some questions that we had. I think we need to make sure that we know what we're doing, or at least put some intents into this record. Now your amendment talks about all theft offenses. Is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And it aggregates, and it talks about in one course or scheme. Do you...under your intent what would be the definition or an explanation of course or scheme? Is this from, for example, if I pull up in my trailer and I'm going to take a calf from Senator Warner, Senator Landis, and Senator Baack's farms, and I have multiple victims, but I do it all in one night, is that one course and scheme?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, of course, that will be open to judicial interpretation, but that is something that I would consider to be one course or scheme, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: This would also include the pick-pocket that goes into the airport or the bus terminal and hits a variety of victims, that would be one course or scheme.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: When would the course and scheme begin and end?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You might have...So far you've been discussing events that took place on, for example, one day.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You might have a course of scheme of events that occurred over several days, in fact, as is commonly the case in embezzlement, or other types of crimes of that nature. This is also applicable in drug cases, for example.