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SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...and the rest is...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud, your light is on next though, if you want to continue.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Senator Withem. As I said, the 17 states currently allow for the public knowledge of the, of these types of individuals.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I don't see how you...

SENATOR ABOUD: So that's, that's what the bill provides for. Dealing with "shall" on the issue of, when a judge is making this type of determination, certainly I would hope that a judge would use that, the help of...if that person is being labeled a mentally, having a mental abnormality or personality disorder which makes them engage in this sexually violent offense, that he would use that type of language to provide, or he would use that, an individual, an expert, in helping him come to that conclusion. The, as I said, this amendment was following the federal requirements, so we tried to make as few requirements as possible, but I'll be happy to talk to Senator Beutler about, about that issue. I will be offering an amendment, though, that would deal with the predatory language that Senator Chambers has a problem with. I'm willing to go change the language to offender and, and see if we have any consequences at the federal level as a result of that. If we have none I certainly would keep, keep that language change in the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise in support of the, LB 645 as, with the amendments as presented. I guess of anybody who's had a time in their life or a member of their family who has been attacked in, by one of these sex offenders, has incurred the offense of rape, and what it does to their life and how they have to respond to this type of an action could more clearly understand why this type of legislation is necessary in order to identify so that these kind of things don't continue to happen. We know that rape and incest and those types of crimes are being committed at a greater rate than they ever have been. And if we're not willing