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Abhoud had adopted, the part I'm looking at is on page 388 of the Journal, and I will read the language to help you. It talks about a mental, a person suffering from a mental abnormality or personality disorder.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the difference between those two things, those two conditions, if you know? Well, let me ask it this way. Is a personality disorder a mental abnormality?

SENATOR BROWN: I'm not sure for the purposes of this amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. And I hope you understand why I'm not pursuing it, because if you're not sure and I definitely am not sure, it's not a rejection of your answer. I don't want to try to get you to discuss what neither of us may be able to do. Let me ask Senator Abboud that question if I may. Senator Abboud, because now I'm trying to zero in on exactly what it is we're talking about or to see if we, as a Legislature, even know what we're talking about. In your amendment that discusses the person suffering from, quote, a mental disorder or...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in sexually violent offenses, this means the person does not have to have engaged in any, isn't that correct?

SENATOR ABOUD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it says if the person is likely to engage.

SENATOR ABOUD: Correct, but that person has already been sentenced, convicted and sentenced for this type of a crime.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let's say for child pornography. How are they going to predict that this person is likely to engage in sexually violent offenses?

SENATOR ABOUD: That'll be determined by, by the court.