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SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, that's not true.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Firsch, I'm still going over you on this amendment. Senator Witek, on this amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I want to clear up a couple of things, and for you too, Senator Chambers, and, Senator Abboud, you did a great job. I guess what people have to realize is you're dealing with two different sections of this law. Right now we're dealing with Section 5 of the original Abboud amendment. It talks, it speaks directly to the violent, which we at one time called the predator, and I'm sorry, but those terms are very clear, although we changed it now to the violent sex offender. But you're still talking about this, a certain level of person who has committed this certain level of crimes. And, Senator Wesely, if I could ask you just a couple of questions because I know you have a piece of legislation on this very issue.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wesely, will you respond?

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Wesely, we're talking about individuals here, mentally disordered sex offenders, or I don't know what the term of art is, who are, as far as I can tell from talking to all the people who are dealing with them, incurable. So we're talking about a higher threshold here for those individuals, and finding out who those...and this amendment even puts in a shell, they have to go to the experts to make this determination, which is really making the bill better. And, Senator Chambers, I would think this would be to his advantage to make sure that there are experts involved in this decision instead of just within the court system. And can you tell us how, in your bill dealing with predators, et cetera, how they make these determinations and who's involved in those?

SENATOR WESELY: Right, well, first, my understanding of the bill is that what we're trying to do is take all sex offenders and register them.