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CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I guess I will take this opportunity now to speak really to what LB 645 does contain. And, Senator Chambers, it always amazes me that through the years you have...have objected and resisted any kind of legislation like this, and it makes me really wonder if you have no one in your district who are victims. I think not. And I wonder that we do not keep that thought of the victim, particularly the victims of these kinds of crimes, in our mind. And we don't need the definition in the law other than what we have. There are libraries full of books written by experts who have studied this for many years, who indeed have advised the criminal experts on this kind of mental disorder, these kinds of mental disorders. And time and time again we are reminded that sexual crimes, crimes of rape, and as you go down the list, kidnapping, these crimes are not so much with sexual connotations, but are based because they are crimes of power. They are crimes of violence. And they are crimes more of the demonstration of power over another than they truly are of the sexual connotation. But if you have children, if you have grandchildren, if you care about those kinds of crimes being perpetrated on your loved ones, in your neighborhood, in your community, then this is a bill that is long overdue, needs to be enacted, and should be enacted without further delay and passed into law. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Abboud. There are no further lights, Senator Abboud. Would you like... Now I do have a light. Senator Beutler, and, Senator Hudkins, I'll recognize you to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just, I wanted to say one more thing, and I've offered a suggestion to Senator Abboud on this for Select File, if he thinks it can fit under the federal directives. The