

this amendment, it does not decriminalize these offenses. Kidnapping is still an offense. False imprisonment is still an offense. But if you're going to, in the context of this bill, have somebody labeled a sexually violent offender, the acts which underlie that should be sexual. They should explicitly be sexual in nature. This is not a bill requiring any person to register who commits an act of violence against another individual. We're not talking about a violent offender. We're talking about a violent sexual offender. And if the word "sexual" is included in the title, the conduct should have to be sexual. If it is not explicitly sexual, it should not be the basis for having a person labeled a violent sexual offender. I don't like many things that are in this bill. Senator Abboud has frankly acknowledged that he is tacking on and adding on what I would call lean-to, shanty-town provisions because somebody with the federal government indicated it had to be done. So I would like to ask him a question. Senator Abboud, with whom did you talk, with what federal official did you talk, or from what federal official did you receive information indicating that these additions had to be made?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, Senator Chambers, I have a copy here of the, of the requirements that the federal government made when it came to the registration of sexually violent offenses. And I'm relying on this document here as far as the requirements that they specified to include kidnapping of a minor and false imprisonment of a minor. And that's, that's why that, the language was added.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Obviously, when you were drafting the bill, you didn't think those were things that would fit within what this bill was requiring or you would have included them. Right? Let me ask it a different way. Had not you gotten hold of that document that you described, these additions would not have been made, is that correct?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, whether you agree to my amendment striking these two items, can you understand the rationale for my argument, namely that if we're going to label somebody as a violent sexual offender, the underlying act should be sexual in nature?