

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Brashear. Just a couple of things, not about the process but about the bill itself that I think you ought to have in mind that I want to give you that I talked about yesterday. The process, for me, is something that I have to deal with on an individual basis, but a couple of things about the bill that you may want to...that we don't know at all, and I had asked law enforcement and I have committed to the Douglas County Sheriff's officers that I would spend some time with them this next summer working one of these cases to see how they do pick these people and how they do make sure they're reliable. And they said they would be willing to do that with me. When I asked law enforcement prosecutors about how many cases this would help solve, or how many cases it has cut out for them that they could not prose...they couldn't give me a number. The people I talked to they said there's a lot of them. What was the number? Can you give me some specifics? There was none there. This is something that does, is going to take a lot more time, not necessarily on the floor, but a lot more time to get something decent going. And I just needed to add that little bit in there. Thanks a lot.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute. Oh, thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Brashear, your light is next. Senator Brashear waives off. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm one of the guys, Senator Cudaback, i'm one of the guys that's wishy-washy. I supported the bringing the bill out of committee, one of the 30 people that did that. And then I, last night, I did what I probably should have done before, I read the amendment. And it has, and I'm not a legal person, but it has a lot of holes in it. And I think Senator Brashear has talked about them and so forth, you know. What protection, if I'm a parolee, what protection do I have with a heavy-handed person coming to me and saying, you know, I want you to be an undercover person. You know, will my punishment increase or not? And so I guess, you know, I would prefer, like Senator Schellpeper, maybe have the bill debated and maybe that's the best way, but this is the only thing we have right in front of us now and I guess I've changed my mind and I, you know, made a mistake and...but, I'll make lots more. So, with that I close.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Brown.