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SENATOR ENGEL: I'm an independent soul. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's going to make it easier then, and I don't know that I'd have trouble getting my colleagues to see that extraneous language does nothing other than give the impression that we're being somewhat less than practical. Let's say somebody got a DUI in Guam, and they...how are you going to know that the person got the DUI there? So why even make that an issue, or any other territory subject to the jurisdiction of the United States? Okay, you've got a guy in the Navy, and he's...or lady now, at one of these outposts, but I don't want to believe that ladies do these things, chug-a-lugs some liquor and gets in a Jeep and runs into the wheel of an aircraft, which by the way a guy did, except he said he'd dropped a piece of paper on the floor of his Jeep or his cell phone, and he was picking it up and did damage to this multimillion dollar plane which was sitting out there on a runway, and he drives his Jeep...I don't know how he found his way to hit that landing gear. But say something like that happens, and I don't know how they would convict a person, but a person gets convicted of something like that, we will never know. The court is not going to go through a whole lot of rigamarole to deal with that. So I think we ought to strike, when we get around to it, "the United States", talking about laws under the United States, "or any territory subject to the jurisdiction of the United States". We don't even need to say all that. Maybe they could get, since all these other states have done this, some samples of how other states have addressed it, and maybe I'll disagree with what they've done, and maybe theirs will be drafted the way this one is, then we'll just have to hammer it out from there. But, if there are states that have had experience with this, that would not be a bad starting point, even though that's not the way I start. So, those are the kind of things that I will deal with. Another problem that I see in the bill, itself, that I'll touch on....

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...repeats language that I see in what's left of the committee amendment. And, by the way, I am not going to offer any amendments at this point, because it won't have to be