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I'd be glad to answer them. Senator Brashear has been the senator, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who has worked very closely with this. If you have any legal questions, I would appreciate it if Senator Brashear would be kind enough to help you understand. I had a couple of senators speaking out in the lobby with a more knowledgeable person than I, and they were speaking Latin so I didn't know what they were talking, (laughing) so I am not equipped. All I am equipped to do is try to find some way to protect our children, who are being abused and neglected, in the best way, and I think it is up to the judges who are using these volunteers to use them properly. There will be rules and regulations set out in the CASA program that the judge and the CASA must abide by and, hopefully, that the concerns that some of the senators have had will be answered, and be glad to answer any questions that I am capable of answering. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Suttle. We are discussing AM2915. Senator Wehrbein, your light was one, did you still wish to...on the Suttle amendment. You are recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. Yes, I originally punched on for the committee amendments, which I was going to support, but I would like to ask Senator Suttle some questions on this particular proposed amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Suttle, would you respond?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Suttle, I don't like to jump right to the bottom line but sometimes I have to. I...okay, you can tell that on...would you tell me that and then I'll talk some more.

SENATOR SUTTLE: First of all, I know that the first time I introduced this it did have an A bill. It does not have an A bill. There is no money associated with this particular amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Will there be a potential down the road?

SENATOR SUTTLE: No, sir.