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the 1,500 hours. Could you tell me what your opinion is on that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Brashear, to a question?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President. Senator Thompson, my reading of it is consistent with your concern that the way it's all drafted together, that we would now be establishing a 1,500-hour minimum for all people who are to be licensed under the total section.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Well, at this point I think my recommendation is that we defeat this Burling amendment. I understand where he's coming from. And maybe it's the right thing to do at some point in time. But I think it needs a hearing. I think we need to clarify that if this modification is going to happen, if we're going to put a regulation into statute, that it probably needs some more discussion, and this would need some cleanup. Because not only would we be changing the private investigator hourly requirement, we'd kind of inadvertently be adding to the plain clothes investigator requirement, and that's quite significant. I understand the concern of his constituent. But I don't know what the exact hours should be. In the time that I spent with...working on these issues with private investigators, that didn't come up as an issue. And I know there is concern about issues of standards within the profession, so that we know that the people who carry that license have had certain background and investigation of their backgrounds by the State Patrol, and other things that are required. So I'm uncomfortable adding this amendment at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Thompson, your light was on. Did you wish to...?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, I'll take it up. Thank you. I...okay. I would like to yield my time to Senator Burling.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Burling.