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through. So, just for your own information. I don't think at this particular point in time it would make any sense to send this back to committee. Finally, I would say with regard to Section 7 of the bill, that may be a very good section in some people's minds, I kind of like it myself, but the point of the matter is that there are two or three lobbying groups back there on opposite sides who have very strong contrary opinions on this item. It was never in Senator Johnson's bill to begin with, Section 7, nor was it in my bill. So in a sense, that was extraneous material that the Judiciary Committee put into the bill, thinking it was a good idea. And maybe it is, probably is, but at this particular point in time what we don't need is one more controversy. We need to get some work done on things that we can get done, and move along, I think. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Johnson, there are no further senators wishing to speak at this time. You're recognized to close on AM2300 to the committee amendments to LB 139.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, I think we've had a great discussion. We certainly are willing to work with Senator Synowiecki. And I would again reiterate that Senator Beutler has been a great colleague in working on this problem. What we are trying to do here is to make this as cost-effective addition to our law enforcement and to protection of the innocent that we possibly can. What we're trying to do is to pick out the ones that we do get the most bang for our buck. And it's time to quit waiting around for the federal government on the promise that they are going to help us out with this. We're talking really very minimal amounts of funds in the overall picture of the law enforcement, court system, et cetera. Don't know what the court system itself is; as we heard, the State Patrol is \$48 million, with another \$1 million or more available to them through this grant. So I would go back, in closing, to one statement: The consensus is that there is no other investment in the criminal justice system that will do more to protect the innocent, convict the guilty, and reduce human suffering, and do it as efficiently and at the least cost. I urge your passage of this bill.