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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I understand perhaps technology has advanced so we get this validation process. I'm just troubled that, you know, why is it needed? What problem exists now with the validation of Social Security numbers that we have to move to additional bureaucratic...increase in the bureaucracy for a simple validation of Social Security numbers. I...

SENATOR BAKER: Well,...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...for issuance of a driver's license, I'm just unclear on the underlying need or the demonstrated need for this to occur. I'm just unclear at this point.

SENATOR BAKER: A major reason for this bill is clarification of the process and validation of these forms of ID to prevent identity theft. It's been an ongoing problem. As you well recall, we've had a number of bills dealing with identity theft. And this simply allows the Department of Motor Vehicles, in the case of Social Security number presented to an examiner, to validate that Social Security number using...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...the change in technology that's available to them now. Identity theft, I guess, would be a big part of this, and updating the statutes from a paper system to a computerized system.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator, thank you for your information. I appreciate that. I continue to remain unclear on the relationship between identity theft and the validation of Social Security numbers to get a driver's license, and I continue to remain unclear in terms of the real underlying motivation behind these additional requirements for validation. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Baker, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. I also...Senator Chambers, when this bill was drafted, it, of