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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the Beutler amendment. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the reason I was proceeding step by step is because we do have three separate bills before us and they deal with different items, and they need to be discussed. In the green copy of the bill, which Senator Beutler is amending, there are places where crimes are created for violation of this act. Now the bill probably should have been in the Judiciary Committee since it creates so many crimes, but on its face you wouldn't know that. If you look at the green copy, it doesn't say anything about the creation of criminal offenses for violation of portions of this bill. When a bill is brought before us in this form, I think it needs discussion and things need to be put into the record. Once again, Senator Beutler has gotten ahead of me. But it's just as well, because I think the point he is making is a valid one and I support him in it. What I'm looking at is this other part of the committee amendment where we talk about insurance premiums and reimbursements. It's very easy and it's alluring to say, let's help the men and women who are at arms or under arms. But what we need to realize is that, under the definition in this bill, we're not just talking about people who are overseas. I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, going to the green copy of the bill, because that's what Senator Beutler is on, on page 2, beginning in Section 2 at line 5 it says, "The sections of the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Public Law 108-189," or 108 through 189, "listed in this section or any other sections referred to by such sections in existence and effective as of