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thing that was done is that we felt that there had to be good administration of this bill. In the past, it's been kind of, well, it's his responsibility type of attitude. What we created in this bill is a chain of command through the State Patrol that will see that it will be done for the people upon whom it should be done, no matter where they are residing. One of the other things, to get back just a second to the funding, is that first there was a question of the funding. We have found complete funding for the first year of this, and this is the most expensive year. The second year, there is outside funding for the test itself; for the administration, there will be a necessity of approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000, which we are proposing and was proposed would be taken over by existing funds. So this is where we stand on what was passed. As I mentioned, we got caught up with bad weather. Senator Chambers and Senator Brashear approached me with the possibility of bringing this back and examining the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...whether there should be civil parts to this statute or not, and that's what we are considering today. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't like these databases. I didn't fight this bill coming out of committee, I simply was not voting, because what is being proposed in this amendment was adopted as a committee amendment, and it was presented as a committee amendment. When I was not here, and that's nobody's fault, it was stripped. But now that I am here, if it remains stripped, then I'm going to oppose the bill as I would have done originally. Now with all of this "yow-yow" by Senator Landis and Senator Brown, they are not dealing with this amendment. But they don't have to have a reason. They could just be upset about some things I've done, which makes me no difference. But I'm not going to support a bill that I'm opposed to, if the one thing which took away my opposition as far as being active is taken out of the bill,