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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, will you yield to a question of Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Brashear, as you know, I've introduced this bill several times in front of the Judiciary Committee, and I believe you even had an interim study on the bill. And I cannot recall why that 20 hours of training was in the bill, and so I think it is more than technical, but I want...I just kind of wanted to ask you, as the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, if you have any objections to Senator Beutler's suggested changes. I personally think it makes it better.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Bourne, I'll answer your question. Is there some reason why you gagged or chortled when you said you'd introduced the bill a number of times?

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I guess I was admitting that I couldn't get a bill out of committee that I was on for three years, so I was admitting that, my ineptness I guess.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: (Laughing) I was teasing. The 20 hours was viewed after the several hearings in the interim study as a way of establishing a minimum threshold of qualification. But if you, in fact...I mean sometimes we can overkill, I guess...if you, in fact, look at the bill the way it is qualified, when you strike that phrase, we're still all right because we have established the parameters within which the person will be functioning in a capacity as a counselor or whatever, intake officer. So I think it works just fine and I support the amendment in furtherance of the bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you very much, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler, thank you. I will support the amendment as well. I do appreciate the clarity, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion of the Beutler amendment, FA1675. Seeing no lights on, Senator Beutler, you're...he waives closing. The question