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judge. Can you please tell me what your thought is in that respect?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The thought of the committee was that it would be better to have communication than not have communication. And this was designed to assure those who would be affected in terms of the actual practice of law within that judicial district for and on behalf of their clients, that their views would be taken into account, or at least considered.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: And the purpose, I'm assured, is that...and I'm just doing this for the record, frankly, so there's no question about what the purpose is. It's not necessarily to gain approval of the district represented, but to gain a sense of the reasonableness of making such a relocation change, and that it is the Supreme Court that would be doing this, but after consulting with representatives of that district.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Don Pederson, you have stated it exactly correctly for the record. It's not to take a straw poll or a vote; it's simply to consult.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Beutler, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I have no problem with Senator Brashear's amendment. I just wanted to take note, on page 6, that he allows the Supreme Court or an agent of the Supreme Court to have access to certain psychiatric examinations and presentence investigations and reports for research purposes, noting that those reports are otherwise confidential, and indicating that nothing identifying any individual shall be released. It's really, I think, imperative that records such as those--and these are presentence reports and psychiatric examinations related to presentence reports--but I think it is extremely important that those be available for research. And once again, I'm simply taking the occasion to remind you that information that's otherwise