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SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open on FA133.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think this part of the bill is a very, very good part of the And it's really a little bit embarrassing, considering bill. what the country has gone through in the last 50 years, where we were and where we've come to, that this sort of incident should raise its head again in our society. think that the reaction that we're having to it is entirely appropriate. The only thing that my amendment seeks to do is to protect Section 29-4106 of our statutes, which is the provision that has to do with the taking of DNA from convicted felons in certain instances, including sex offenders. The broad language that was originally included by Senator Chambers I don't think he intended to cover all these different existing areas. Senator Friend's amendment protected the paternity area, for example, by requiring court order. And the last amendment that I think is to be recommended, in order to protect Section 29-4106 of our statutes and allow the continuing of taking DNA from convicted felons is this amendment. And that's the only thing that the amendment seeks to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on amendment FA133. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Chambers.

Thank you. SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, friends all, Senator Beutler and I did discuss this, and he is absolutely correct in pointing out that my intent was not to abrogate or do away with the sections of statute that he is talking about. the adoption of his language will leave intact those statutes that he was talking about, so I support his amendment. The bill with his amendment will still say that when a crime is being investigated, there must be probable cause before DNA can be taken against a person's will. What Senator Beutler is concerned about in the statutes he is mentioning is not the investigation of a crime, but existing authority to take DNA samples from certain convicted felons. Since it is not intent with this bill to affect those statutes, I am in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.