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amendment that's currently under discussion?

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments have not been divided yet, Senator Beutler. The committee amendments have not been divided. The committee amendments have not been divided. You may open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Cudaback, I'm not sure about the procedure, but they assure me that the part of the committee amendments that I'll be...that I'm working with will be the first section of the divided amendments. And the only reason I'm fussing is because I want there to be some continuity of discussion and not a total disruption in terms of what we're addressing in the amendment. Before I tell you what the amendment does, let me tell you what approach I'm taking to the bill so that none of this is misunderstood, but I'm taking the approach of pressing the Judiciary Committee and those interested in the bill as to whether there is not something more we can do. I perceive the committee amendment as being weak in one part. I appreciate the difficulty of reaching agreements on some of these things in committee and I would acknowledge that from the very beginning that we are dealing with politically difficult decisions. Still, on the other hand, I think it makes sense to have a good discussion of why agreements were made and for what purpose, because I do feel, and I'll try to explain this, that the bill has been watered down substantially. If that's of necessity, considering all the things to be balanced, then fine. If there's something more that we can do, I would like to discover that because I agree with Senator Stuthman and Senator Aguilar and the other members of the Judiciary Committee that this is a difficult, horrendous problem and, in fact, the Judiciary Committee did me the favor of, last year, of passing through the committee a meth bill that I had on my own which was similar somewhat to Senator Aguilar's effort on this particular bill. The amendment that I'm proposing to you is not original. It comes from the green copy of the bill, so it is the idea of the introducers. The question that we all have to think about is whether the balance is right here, and whether this provision should have been stricken. There are two amendments that I have, and both of them are designed to explore alternatives, things, directions in which we might do a little bit more to