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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President (laugh) and members.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I need a hearing aid.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I appreciate the opportunity to speak and I have to echo, I think, what our senior member said earlier. To paraphrase him, no, no, no. This is...this scares me. This goes too far. I don't think it would be that useful. And we're asking the State Patrol to develop and present this plan to the Judiciary Committee and then we're going to ask them to implement it. And, you know, maybe we'll ask them to implement it; maybe we won't. Maybe we'll come back here and we'll try to implement it and the whole thing will go down the tube because there's not enough votes for it. I don't want to do this. I don't think it's necessary to do this. I think the bill itself will work without this, and I'm going to vote against it, and I hope that we don't start down this path. You know, there's been a lot of things that have happened at the national level which have made us, I don't believe, feel a lot more safe and secure. Probably some of those things have made us feel more vulnerable. And I think that for a lot of people this may make them feel more vulnerable. I don't think the benefits will outweigh the damage. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, you have 5 more minutes to use, if you care to use them. She waives her opportunity. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I told Senator Beutler that I was appreciative that he brought this amendment forward. I do think that it does not hurt us to look at a study of using this electronic log. We do this very often as in many of the issues that we debate on the floor, is study it a little bit more thoroughly, bring it back, and then make a decision. And I believe that's what this amendment is doing. It gives us the opportunity to look more in-depth on what is actually and will be involved in this electronic log. I can't help but remember when we were having the discussion on General File that we were listing all of the states and talking about what some of their laws were, and I do