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growing, and we do have that major interstate running through our state. The reason I'm introducing this amendment is, I feel that we have a responsibility as a state to address the issue of trafficking, and we need to be proactive in doing this. And I would certainly be happy to answer any questions, and address any discussion that we might have. The bill also sets forth the penalties that would be attached in some of these services. With that, I thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the opening on AM2718, offered by Senator Stuhr to the Synowiecki bill, LB 1086. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'll just say right up front, I am not standing up in opposition to Senator Stuhr's amendment, but I am standing up to say that I don't know what it does. As I mentioned earlier, the Judiciary Committee has...I think we had 21 or 22 percent of the bills that were introduced this year were referred to the Judiciary Committee. I think it was just under 100 bills this year. I don't know how many we had last year. Most nights, we had hearings until 6:00 or 6:30. One night, we went until after 8:00. We had 12 or 14 bills that were prioritized in some form or fashion this year. And I believe we have all of those bills out except for Senator Pedersen's priority bill, and we're working on that right now. Senator Stuhr had mentioned to me a couple weeks ago that she wanted to move this...her bill, and I don't remember what the underlying bill is. Actually, I do. It's LB 842. And I will tell you that there were several people that testified in opposition...or, excuse me, in support, no people testified in opposition. But I felt, in fairness to the members who had a bill still in the Judiciary Committee, who had prioritized that, I felt, in fairness, we needed to work on those bills first, and that's what we've done. We have one more priority bill in committee that we need to get out, and we're working on that, and it should happen soon. I want to go back, just kind of explain some of the thought process that we in the Judiciary Committee look at particular measures. I...not to say that language is...in other committees, the need is to have everything as precise as possible, but when you're talking about putting someone in jail and taking some mandatory restitution