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SENATOR BEUTLER: If they use...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion? Senator Stuhr, followed by Senators Flood and Bourne. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do want to thank Senator Bourne for...and the Judiciary Committee for all of their work on this issue. I know it is something that's very needed in many of our communities across the state. And I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Stuhr, very much. Senator Bourne, I think you got the intent of the previous question. And again, forgive me for asking these relatively minor questions, because it is a great bill. There's a lot of good stuff in here and I hope the body understands that.

SENATOR BOURNE: I appreciate your comments, but the discussion is really valuable because we are talking about people's liberty and I think we need to be extremely careful. So I appreciate your reading through this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So let me just renew the last question then with regard to the three different commitment acts that we will have if this bill is passed. What...is it possible with respect to sexual offenses to use any one of the three, so long as it pertains under the language of each of the separate commitment procedures?

SENATOR BOURNE: I would say not, and the reason I would say that is because, even though I haven't looked at the DD commitment act in some time, I don't know if the definition of dangerous sex offender is in that or in the mental illness (sic) commitment act. I will tell you that the original version of the bill we were using the Mental Health Commitment Act and we had some testimony in the hearing in opposition to that, saying, look, you know, not all mentally ill people are sex offenders and vice versa. And so it made sense, given that we're putting