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what if the property owner has no knowledge of it or anything, and law enforcement are the ones that...who find that there is a lab there?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I think you're right, that usually it will be law enforcement that will find the lab. And the language in the bill says the law enforcement agency that discovers a lab shall report the lab to the State Patrol. And then the question is, well, what if an owner...what if somebody leaves their property, the renter leaves the property, and the owner goes in and, by golly, there's a meth lab there. That needs to be reported, just the same, for the purposes of the bill, of Senator Aguilar's bill, which is to see that these things get cleaned up.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So it's all...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's all it does. Law enforcement will still be the normal discoverer and reporter of the lab.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So in other words, if there is a lab on some individual's property and the individuals leave the area, but the law enforcement hasn't found that there was a meth lab there, it is the responsibility of the property owner to turn it in, and this is what this is trying to address; am I right in saying that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You're exactly right. That's what the...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, thank you very much. That's what I wanted to clear up. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on AM29...Senator Beutler waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2910 be adopted to LB 915? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the Beutler amendment, AM2910. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.