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opening on LB 385. As stated, there are committee amendments. Senator Bourne, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, you're recognized to open on AM2548.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This bill did come through the Judiciary Committee. It deals with DNA. It was worked by the Judiciary Committee, even though this is an issue that has been in front of the committee several times. The committee amendment does the following: If you look at page 3 of the bill...excuse me, line 7 of the bill, it deletes the language there that requires the State Patrol to designate a uniformed officer to serve as the administrator and supervisor in control of DNA typing tests. They would still have an officer that does that type of work, but it eliminates the language that requires them to designate, gives the State Patrol a little additional flexibility. With that, I would urge your adoption of the Judiciary Committee amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments by Chairman Bourne. Open for discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President and members. I just want to briefly stand in support of this. I think Nebraska may be the last one to do some of these DNA testing provisions, but I think that I feel confident at this point that we can take this next step. I do support the amendment that Senator Chambers is going to have up here in a minute, and I think that will, perhaps, give us a little bit more safeguard there. But I was surprised to hear from Senator Johnson that burglars often turn into rapists. I guess I didn't know those statistics. So if we can do something preventative in that regard, or something, at least, that will help us identify those persons, I think that's very good. I'm fully in support of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, just a comment on Senator Bourne and the committee amendment. This was...the original copy was originally put in place because at the time