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Developmentally Disordered Court Ordered Custody Act that notification of release must be given to the AG and the county attorney who filed the original petition to place the person under court ordered custody. And I want to thank both Senators Byars and Beutler for working on this section. They're both experts in this area and their assistance was very much appreciated. This change is found on page 69 beginning on line 23 through page 70, line 4 of this amendment. The final question raised on General File, there was a concern raised by hospitals and crisis centers regarding the placement of dangerous sex offenders in medical facilities while they are under emergency protective custody. This was Section 62 of the committee amendment. Our solution as proposed in AM3082, we strike Section 62 and all provisions dealing with emergency protective custody. They're consolidated into a single statute by amending Section 71-919. Under the amendment, if a person is placed under the emergency protective custody and have a prior conviction for a sex offense, they are required to be placed in a jail or correctional facility unless a medical or psychiatric emergency exists requiring treatment at a medical facility. This language is found on pages 55 and 56 of this amendment. Again, those concerns that were brought up on General File have been addressed, I think, to the satisfaction of those folks that raised those concerns on General File. And we worked with them...actually, we met immediately after the bill was up on last Thursday and I believe Senator Byars, Senator Beutler, and others who raised concerns are...their issues have been resolved. With that, I would be happy to answer any question. I would urge your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on AM3082. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Bourne amendment. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Bourne, I just want to follow up on your discussion of this amendment a little bit. It is a big amendment and I'm not sure that I'm totally understanding. But someone visited my office this week and had some concerns about releasing sex offenders who hadn't completed treatment, all of those kinds of things. And I think you're addressing it in this amendment but