

amendment, but it mentions the page number, the lines, and some words that are deleted, others that are maybe added, I am not sure, but reading the amendment of hers, which was adopted, does not tell us by reading those terms what the amendment did. But I'd like to ask Senator Schimek a question at this point to see if I can get it clearly into the record what it is being...what I am trying to discuss.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schimek, does your amendment establish that once abuse, whether of a child or a spouse surfaced during this process, that would terminate the mediation?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so if there were to be an attempt in case an allegation of child abuse were made or disclosure, not made like an allegation that was accusatory, but in the course of the negotiations, the disclosure slipped out or came out, and there was a method by which it would go before the judge without going through all these other law enforcement steps and a determination would be made at that time, whatever it might happen to be, and in some situations it might allow the continuation of mediation, if in order for that to happen your amendment would have to be changed, wouldn't it?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, that's correct, it would have to be changed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that's what I wanted in the record for sure, because we haven't drafted the amendment, but it was something we were discussing when I was called on to speak. I am trying to prevent the mediator from becoming an arm of law enforcement. There is a competing interest which Senators Rasmussen and Schimek have articulated very capably, namely, that the welfare of a child or children is paramount, or should be, even in a situation such as this. So maybe a middle ground, which would allow the mediator to be the snitch, would stay in place, but the one to whom the snitching would occur or, Senator Ashford, the one to whom the stool pigeon would coo would be the judge, and not all these other intermediaries. If that