

the judge. A determination will be made, and the parties will have notice in advance that these allegations will not just be left hanging in the air, that they will go someplace, and they will have it explained to them by the mediator where these allegations will go, and how they will be processed, how they will be processed as much as the mediator will be aware of based on what the statutory language will be.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light is on again. Senator Chambers, did you wish to address this further?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do we have an amendment pending as of yet? If not, then I will continue discussing what the concept is while there is an attempt to draft the amendment. The concept is that the parties will be notified by the mediator that if allegations or disclosures of abuse surface, these allegations will have to be processed. They will be processed by being brought to the attention of a judge who then will have a hearing in chambers to determine whether or not there is validity to these allegations. If additional investigation is thought to be needed, the judge would order that additional investigation. That's the type of information I think the mediator should be required to give to the parties, rather than simply telling them if during the course of this mediation information is disclosed that indicates abuse, this information will be reported to the authorities, I wouldn't want that to be the language because I think it is inadequate for the purposes that we have in mind. So an amendment I think could be drafted to achieve that end. I would like to ask...oh, I would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, if I may.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, has the amendment been drafted yet?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, but we have to get rid of the amendment we are on now before we can take action on it. The amendment we are on now I think needs to be defeated so that we can take up the amendment we intended to have or continue to have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then you are not trying to amend