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Sommario/riassunto	This text discusses the 109th Congress passed legislation that allows the federal government to civilly commit 'sexually dangerous persons' and how likely or unlikely it is for sex offenders to re-offend.