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A. Link to any headnote shown. Click its link, e.g., HN34 (You can also link to the full text of any paragraph shown. Click on its pinpoint page cite, e.g., [*312].

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