

program the state participates in. The committee amendments add the E clause, emergency clause to LB 255. In the hearing, which if you look at the summary sheet, there was a lot of support for this bill. If you look at the concept, it tries to get us in compliance with some recent changes in the federal statutes dealing with the aged, disabled and blind program. Those take effect in July. So, for us to be able to participate we do need these changes, and need to have the E clause added to the bill. So, I would ask support for the committee amendments to add the E clause.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed... You are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Wesely, back to the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Again, Mr. President, the aged, disabled and blind program, which has been around for some time and which we participate in, has had some federal changes. Those people that are involved in the program have come to us and the Department of Social Services to point out that federal law has changed and they are about to implement some new rules and regs in statutory language. We need to make this change to comply with that. But this is discretionary. This bill brings us in compliance if we so desire. But the Department of Social Services and the director would have to make the determination as to whether or not to pursue that designation. So, it gives them the authority, over there, to make the changes needed to comply with the federal statutes in the aged, disabled and blind program. I ask for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 255 is advanced. May I please introduce some guests in the north balcony, guests of Senator Moore from the