

procedures that are used in Chadron or in Sidney are different than the court procedures and the services that may well be available in Omaha and a state board ought to have input from the local areas as to the kinds of services in practice and the problems that they have in their area. So the bill says we will have the Governor choose one of the chairpersons from the boards in each of the three different congressional districts and that those three members will sit on the state board. They will have two-year terms and, in essence, the purpose there is to ensure a two-way communication so that the state board has a lot of direct input from local boards and what they are doing and to understand their problems and in turn then state board directors can filter down to local boards and have people out in those areas capable of answering questions. This model of state boards that have a portion of their membership from local boards is the standard for the rest of the country. It is the way that most states are now formulating their Foster Care Review Boards. I would move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you care to...

SENATOR HALL: On the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the bill. We are on the committee amendments, yes. Any other discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the amendments please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Landis, please, on the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Having for the purposes of the committee amendments explained what I think are the bill's merits, I would move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Wesely, on the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I think the committee amendments do help concerns I had about this piece of legislation, but I just want to express again there was a great deal of controversy over the Foster Care Review Board, has been for the last four years under constant scrutiny, proposals to eliminate it, and what have you. It survived. It's strong