

out as guardian, we also did not intend that guardian ad litem would be included also in responsibility. So, it would just be on page 3 strike to the committee amendments and insert, "Legal guardian shall not include any guardian ad litem appointed by a court." Guardian ad litem, of course, are the third party that is appointed by the court to look after the best interests of the child and this is not necessary, and we wanted to make that clear in the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Pirsch amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Chambers, your light is on. Any other? Any discussion? If not, I presume you are ready to vote on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. Those in favor vote yes, opposed no. Voting on the amendment to the committee amendments. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Further?

CLERK: Not to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, it might be good if the members would listen to this atrocious bill being discussed. I want to get some clarification on the committee amendment and I want to be sure that I understand it correctly so I will ask Senator Chizek, since we are on the committee amendments. Senator Chizek, on page 3, at the bottom, some language is stricken, and that language that was stricken would have removed the state or any political subdivision from this bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR CHIZEK: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. So what is being done with that amendment, Senator Vard Johnson, is to say that any person under 19 years old and not married, who is a ward of the state, who does any of these things that the bill talks about, is liable for lawyer fees, court costs, the cost of the item, the cost of compensating the merchant, allowing the use of the Small Claims Court more than twice a week, more than ten times a year. This