

February 2, 1993 LB 16, 29, 39, 46, 49, 59, 69, 141  
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334, 347, 360, 426, 440, 452

amendments, signed by Senator Beutler. Government Committee reports LB 271 to General File with amendments. That's signed by Senator Schimek. Business and Labor reports LB 334 to General File, LB 286 General File with amendments, LB 360 General File with amendments. Those signed by Senator Abboud. Revenue Committee reports LB 46 to General File, LB 161 General File with amendments, LB 440 General File with amendments, LB 452 General File with amendments, LB 347 indefinitely postponed and LB 426 indefinitely postponed. Those signed by Senator Warner. And Business and Labor reports LB 162 to General File with amendments. Enrollment and Review Committee reports LB 141, LB 157, LB 208, LB 209, LB 210, LB 59, LB 207, LB 39, LB 49, LB 69, LB 29 and LB 154 to Select File, some of those having Enrollment and Review amendments attached. (See pages 451-62 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to LB 16.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 16 was a bill introduced by Senator Lynch and Wesely and Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have Health Committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, this bill by Senator Lynch is a very important and positive bill. It deals with preplacement home studies on adoptions. The committee amendments deal with particular items to clarify the responsibility for criminal history record information checks and child abuse registry checks. That responsibility rests with the petitioner or his or her attorney in stepparent adoptions. We also identify the cost of those record checks and stepparent adoptions would be paid by the petitioner. Those are clarified committee amendments. We also clarify in the committee amendments that the criminal history record check will be required for all adoptions and will include a national search of FBI records which will require fingerprinting. This is a fairly important amendment by the committee, but I think a very valuable one to protect our children in these adoption cases. And finally, we do allow the department to weigh the cost of home studies. Currently they do not charge for home studies in state ward adoptions and that is clarified with this committee