

Health and Human Services reports LB 1213, General File; LB 1178, General File; LB 1028, General File; LB 966, indefinitely postponed; LB 973, LB 1179, LB 1180, LB 1296, all indefinitely postponed. Finally, a communication from the Governor. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Read communication regarding LB 254. See pages 913-16 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend. Senator, I have your amendment that begins in the second whereas, strike the word "provided." (FA385 appears on page 916 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, and for the record I'm going to read the way the amendment is drafted, then I will read what it...the effect of it. In the second whereas, strike the word "provided" and substitute the word "protected." Then strike the word "carefully" when it's talking about the limits, it says carefully, I would strike carefully and insert narrowly. Then when we get to the point about limits of expression, I would change that to limitations on expression. Then after the word "have" which follows instances, I would strike the remaining language and insert the words "been permitted." This is the way the whereas reads without my amendment: Whereas, while the right of expression is a principal freedom provided by the United States Constitution, very carefully drawn limits of expression in specific instances have long been recognized as legitimate means in maintaining public safety and decency, as well as providing order and value to public debate. Let me deal with the easiest things first. The Constitution protects this right rather than provides it, freedom of expression. When you talk about the limitations on expression, I don't think it should be limits of expression, it's not a limit of expression, it's a limitation on expression. And if you read court cases you'll see, and the discussions in learned journals of limitations on expression. But anyway, we go on to all of the rest of this language that I was striking, and these are the words that would be stricken, long been recognized as legitimate means in maintaining. I think it would be means of maintaining, if you were going to do that, but again it doesn't make much difference to the Legislature, but recognizes legitimate means in maintaining public safety and decency, as well as providing order and value to public debate. I don't know how in the