

regulations, saw that that might needed change but we could began discussions about the need for there were many areas in Vital Statistics that needed to be looked at. Senator Wesely has been a hero in this area, Senator Wesely, he established a...I know, Don, it's tough. You do need to be publicly thanked on this because through your efforts and your abilities, Senator Wesely, as Chair of the committee, saw fit to establish a task force and it wasn't a task force that just met once. This committee did a lot of work. It came from a wide variety of people, people who had surnames who may not be traditional, who may be the minority surnames, people who dealt with county attorney offices, genealogical societies, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Health Departments, the counties, hospitals, just a wide variety of people that deal with these issues. This task force came together, reported back to Senator Wesely and they used a model bill. This is the product of the report. I didn't do anything in '91, '92 or '93, waited for them to get their task force completed. They presented us with this. It's modeled after a model law. I think that the task force did an excellent job. This bill was moved out of committee, in fact, there are no committee amendments which, as we all know with a lot of these things, particularly if there's some technical things, that once the committee looks at it, even the people who did the work sees a technical change that needs to be done, that did not occur in this case. The bill came out clean out of committee and Senator Wesely's committee did that I believe unanimously. It has been placed on consent calendar a number of times, just never did make it to the top. I believe this is one of those consent calendar bills that does do a lot of technical changes. Perhaps the major thing it does, allows for some imaging technology to keep documents in different forms whether it's on microfilm, microfiche, certain photocopies and to allow them to more efficiently carry out the Bureau of Vital Statistics items. With that, I would yield any of my opening time to Senator Wesely if you'd have some comments. Madam President, I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Wesely.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members, this is a good bill. It will clean up a number of problems we've had in vital statistics. Senator Kristensen is right, a lot of work, a lot of time went into developing the draft and the bill came in clean. Nobody has had any objection that I've heard about.