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LB 111, 148, 117,
131 and 68

to General File. 148 advanced to General File. 117 advanced to General File with amendments. 131 advanced to General File with amendments. Signed Senator Nichol, Chairman. (See Page 350 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk of the Legislature. (Read message from the Governor regarding LB 68. See Page 351 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We are then ready for agenda Item #5, introduction of new bills commencing with Senator Nichol's request #635. The Chair...do you want to read the...

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol moves to introduce #635 by the Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, #635 has been studied for a long time. It is a very sensitive matter and I'm sure you will be very much interested in it inasmuch as it has to do with relinquishing of parental rights of children. Senator Shirley Marsh has been very interested in this for several years, as well as our Chairman, and I will ask her to discuss it very briefly for you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the purpose of this proposed bill is to provide a very clear procedure for termination of parental child relationships, in certain cases when grounds as set forth in the act exist. The policies and purposes of the new proposal are primarily to preserve the family intact whenever possible. If the best interests of the child require removal from the home, the proposal sets out how it shall be done. It provides for hearings in all termination of parental right cases to be conducted before a judge having Juvenile Court jurisdiction. I move for the introduction of Legislative Proposal 635.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes, and then... Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well Mr. Chairman, my only question is why this bill could not have been introduced earlier. I think we're introducing more and more bills all the time and I don't see the necessity for a bill of this type. It seems to me