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LB 19

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced and Senator Warner asks unanimous consent to expedite the bill. Is there any objection? If not, so ordered. We are ready to take up LB 19. Is Senator Newell in the Chamber? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I will take the two amendments, committee amendments, and then Senator Newell will take his bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the bill, the title first.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 19. Title read. The bill was read on January 4. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by Senator Nichol's Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, there are two committee amendments pending on LB 19. These amendments are more or less technical amendments worked out by the Judiciary Committee staff and the Nebraska State Bar Association. The first amendment deals with the exchange of information between courts of different states who have dealt with the custody of a specific child. The amendment will in effect make available to all parties of the custody act the information which has been exchanged between courts in different states. The reason for this amendment is that parties should be able to expand upon or correct that information that is exchanged. The second committee amendment deals with the priority of child custody cases on the court docket. This amendment would give priority to establishing whether the court has jurisdiction over such child custody cases. Thus the court will quickly decide whether it has the jurisdiction in this case. Then the case will assume its normal position on the docket. Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 19. All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried and the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Newell, do you want to explain LB 19 please?