

if you would adopt it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, you may close.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I don't argue with the wording of the amendment. Maybe it isn't worded exactly correct, I think the principle word in the amendment is the word "alone" and simply because a child dies without a physician being present does not mean that there is skullduggery, does not mean that there was neglect, does not mean that the parents wanted the child to die. It simply means that without the services of a surgeon or physician "alone" shall mean that the child died of unusual means. For the purpose of not holding up the bill, Mr. Chairman, I request that we withdraw this amendment at this time with the understanding that Senator DeCamp and those who are interested in this amendment will work on wording whereby it is retained in the bill itself. May I do that, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT: You are withdrawing the amendment at this time?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, at this time.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. We will proceed then with the next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend (read Maresh amendment).

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, this is what I mentioned a while ago that I think that before we fly we should walk and by striking District Medical Examiners this would reduce the cost about 50%. I think that we should first try the program out on a small scale before we go to District Medical Examiners. I move that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Maresh a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, will you respond to Senator Chambers questions?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Maresh, based on your understanding, what would be the role of the District Medical Examiners?

SENATOR MARESH: They would be...instead of sending the State Medical Examiner out to the site, these people would take over...I don't believe the...State Medical Examiner would sort of be the supervisory personnel, he wouldn't go out and...