

mentally deficient. I move the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this is the first time I have seen this and I hate to open up the situation of termination of parental rights at this time. It might be all right, but as I understand it, what your amendment says is that you can not terminate parental rights if the parents have been determined mentally ill, is that correct?

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: Essentially?

SENATOR JOHNSON: They can't terminate it simply because they are mentally ill or mentally deficient.

SENATOR NICHOL: Other than. . . .I think I go along with it pretty much, Senator Johnson, except we might have to touch LB 215 to change. . .and some other bill. Now if you wouldn't mind, I would like to work with this until we get to Select File. I think we can work it out, Senator Johnson, I really do, even though it is a sensitive area and we have not taken that up in this bill. If this would be all right with you, I would certainly try to do that. I am not opposing your amendment but I am in a way at this time.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Is that a question to me?

SENATOR NICHOL: Withdraw it for awhile.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Ahhh.....

SENATOR NICHOL: Please.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Senator Nichol has got a way with me and I'll be happy to withdraw the amendment and discuss this privately and maybe we can work these differences out.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you withdrawing your amendment?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I do Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, hearing no objections so ordered.