

letter from a constituent, Cheryl Palmer. I know her. She and her husband have cared for foster children for a number of years. In a letter she states: "In two preschool children we had, one from district court and one from juvenile court, the frequency of moves was staggering. The juvenile court child was three and a half years old, had been in foster care eight months and we were his twelfth home. By the time we got him it was impossible to tell who had done the most damage, his parents or foster care." LB 714 is not a cure-all. It is a giant first step and I know that Senator Fenger will continue to make each giant step necessary to ensure the well-being of all children in our society.

PRESIDENT: I just might caution, we have about six minutes left on the whole bill and we're still on the committee amendments and we have several speakers. So, govern yourself accordingly. The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Fenger if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fenger, would you respond to the question from Senator Wesely? Go ahead, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Fenger, the question I have is, I understand you will be proposing an amendment on Select File. Could you confirm that, please?

SENATOR FENGER: That is correct, Senator Wesely. I will, if I may use your time, I am having an amendment printed in the Journal today or tomorrow which more properly addresses the concerns of the Bar Association and I would ask you and all other interested senators to fit that new amendment into the bill and advise me of any concerns that you may have so that we can take proper measures on Select File.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Fenger and members of the Legislature, I did not vote for the advancement of this bill and although we've had great praise bestowed on this legislation by several members already, I would like to add that I do support the intent of the Legislation. Let me also add that there are some concerns still with even the most noble pieces of legislation and the concerns were expressed by the Judiciary who came before the committee and contacted me and were concerned about some constitutional questions and some provisions that were contained in the amendments and in the original bill. The bill, as brought before the Public Health and Welfare Committee, was in terrible shape. It would not have passed constitutional muster. Senator Fenger spent a great deal of time in fixing the bill up and I