

do come to an agreement there is some enforceability, even then it is only for two years. I would submit that in most cases they will come to a very amenable agreement, and at the end of the two years will probably voluntarily renew that agreement, because most of them are very, very successful. If, in fact, there is...someone doesn't adhere to that contract, you can at least file suit and say, come on, you agreed to this. A little pressure from the judge will probably get them to continue with that. And I think if they also came in with it's detrimental to the best interest of the child, as a judge quickly does, he may not even enforce that contract. But, hopefully, it is enough impetus to allow that biological parent to say, yes, I feel enough protection of my rights of knowledge of my biological child that I will allow them to go into a permanent home under that status. So I think, with that, if that is the impetus, and I think this bill provides that, and it doesn't put a lot of structure to it because it is an agreement, I don't think in any contract law would you want to have the parameters so narrowly defined that people are not free to enter into some kind of contract as long as they're not doing something that is lawful or unlawful. So that is the impetus. I think it is fine the way it is. I would strongly urge the body to support it and let some of these foster care children find permanent homes in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 301 be advanced to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: LB 301 is advanced to E & R Initial. Do you have anything to put in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir, I do. I have a request from Senator Nelson to add her name to LB 1071 and LB 1070. I have a request from Senator Peterson to add his name to LB 1030.

New bills, Mr. President. (Read by title for the first time LB 1109 and LB 1110. See pages 316-17 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Wesely has amendments to be printed to LB 301. That is all that I have. (See page 316 of the