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CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Chambers and Wesely would move to amend the bill. (Read amendment as found on page 744 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, before I proceed I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, would you name me two other crimes against children in this state, and by a child I meant the same ones that would be considered children under this bill that require corroboration.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There isn't any other requirements. If you're talking about incest, incest is not required for corroboration in this state and, other than incest, everything else requires corroboration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if a child accuses somebody of having struck him or her, that requires corroboration.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't that an assault against a child, not sexual.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, it's not sexual assault, right. Any other crime doesn't require corroboration.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if, before the bill, we had set up all sexual assault victims as a class that are not believed, we're now creating a class of children who are the only ones who are not believed when it comes to sexual assault, but not other crimes against them.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Do you have a question or...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that's a question.