

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. Clerk, Senators Chambers and Kristensen would move to amend the bill. (Amendment is on page 952 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this amendment would do two things. The first is to add the emergency clause. The second would make statutory reference that is necessary to do away with corroboration in all instances of sexual assault. The bill as drafted mentions Sections 28-319, 28-320. Senator Hall said that I'm getting old because I'm puffing. If Senator Hall had run as far as I have run, as fast as I have run it, he would be prostrate on the floor. We have to make another reference to another section of statute and that would be 28-320.01, I believe it is, so that we cover all the sexual assault instances that can occur. Since the statute does make reference to, I meant the bill does make reference to the sections of statute that describe sexual assaults, if we fail to include this one, there could be an argument made, as has been pointed out by a very perceptive committee employee, I meant senator's assistant, the argument could be made that corroboration would still be required where sexual contact is involved if the one against whom the offense is perpetrated is 15 years old or under. So all this amendment does, all of that having been said, is to add the emergency clause to the bill and to include a specific section of statute that would also be covered by the provisions of the bill so that a corroboration is not needed in that instance as the bill makes it not needed in the other two. So if you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them and I think the only ones who have listened attentively have been Senators Robak and Kristensen and, as I look at Senator Kristensen, I think he is at least standing up but I don't know if he has listened too attentively, but anyway I will answer any questions you have and I hope you will vote to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I echo Senator Chambers' words. What this bill was drafted for, in fact, Senator Robak's assistant Deb Thomas found this problem with the