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LB 147

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Ashford, would you care to close?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I would just ask that we suspend the rules so that we can discuss this measure. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is, then, shall the rules be suspended? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall the rules be suspended? Thirty votes necessary. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the suspension of the germaneness rule.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The rules are suspended. The motion prevails; back to the Ashford amendment to 147. I have a number of lights on. Senator Abboud, would you care to discuss the amendment.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well, Mr. President, I will talk for just a very short time. I think this is needed. I think we have spent some time discussing the importance of the bill when we were discussing the earlier motions. There is no question that there is a need because of the increasing amount of neglect and abuse cases and I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, would you care to discuss the amendment? Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Ashford a question. Senator Ashford, LB 147, in its original form, would add how many district judges?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Forty-eight to 50, it would be two additional judges.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and how many new juvenile judges would be added by your amendment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: One.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So that is a total of three additional judges that are being added this year if this bill passes with your amendment?