

after my staff researched this that it would be easier just to authorize it through this mechanism rather than try to amend the current statutes on the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Some examples of the way this might possibly be used, and I think the reason this was brought to me was because of the work of the Select Committee on Children, there was an interest, for instance, in Foster Care Review Board activities with children under the jurisdiction of the tribe for example. And the board has indicated a desire to review Indian foster care cases and under the present statutory scheme, the board wouldn't have jurisdiction to do this, and the agreement would permit cooperation if both parties wished to do that. The same way with civil commitments as well as juvenile commitments might be an area where the tribe might decide to contract for services or, as I mentioned earlier, law enforcement services. So this would simply legitimize practices that are already in some instances taking place and would allow agreements where uncertainty about contracting now exists. And with that explanation, I would ask you to advance LB 508.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is a light. Senator Coordsen, our only designated speaker so far.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise only to ensure you that I make no bones about my support of this bill and ensure you that with its passage we can bury a lot of problems.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you for that speech from the David Bernard-Stevens school of rhetoric. (laughter) Is there any closing remarks, Senator Scofield? Waiving closing, we'll move then to a vote to advance LB 508. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. The Clerk will record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: The bill is advanced. We have two remaining bills. The first one is LB 722. Senator Wesely, and, Mr. Clerk, the history of the bill, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 722 was introduced by Senator Wesely. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time January 19, was referred to the Government Committee which placed the bill on General File.