

PRESIDENT: One moment, please. Senator Wesely, do you have an opinion on this germaneness? Have you thought about that any?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, this bill I thought dealt with the question of abuse and protection of individuals from abuse. The amendment I have deals with the same topic of trying to allow for the Department of Social Services to investigate abuse complaints on a school grounds. So with that regard, I felt that they were germane.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, would you like to elaborate on this?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I believe that LB 330, as amended, deals with law enforcement and direction to law enforcement and not to the furthering of social service activities.

PRESIDENT: I am going to rule that it is not germane, Senator Wesely. It has to do with reporting child abuse and so forth.

SENATOR WESELY: Then I would like to move to suspend the rules to consider that amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to suspend Rule 7, Section 3(d) so as to permit the consideration of his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, again. Mr. President, members, this amendment is a bill, the form of a bill, brought to me by the Department of Social Services, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, referred to the Judiciary Committee, and killed by the Judiciary Committee. I believe that it was a mistake to have that legislation killed. I don't think there is justification for having it killed. I think it needs to be addressed. The department had a concern about several schools and school districts in the state that don't allow child protective custody workers onto the school grounds to meet with and talk with children suspected of being victims of abuse. These are circumstances that involve the parents and a need to talk to those children away from the parents, away from the home, is what is in order here, and if we are concerned about