

in Nebraska occurred 51 times last year, the county attorney or coroner passes on the information to the appropriate community mental health center in their particular county. What we've had in the past has always been that this information was then passed on to the Nebraska Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Foundation. Then at that time the foundation would contact the parents, and then they would talk to the parents, they would give them a packet, basically...I have one of the packets here at my desk, if anyone would care to look at it, basically consoling the parents and explaining to them that the death of the child was not their fault and trying to deal with their mourning process. At the current time this is the way the law has been since 1976. And the information has always gone to this foundation, they've gone out, strictly volunteers have gone out and contacted the parents. And what happened last year, or at the beginning of...at the end of 1988, was that some of the money from the SIDS foundation was block grant money from the federal government, and some of it came in through the state. At the current time they no longer receive this money, so some county attorneys are interpreting this to mean that this information cannot be passed on to the SIDS foundation because they are no longer a quasi governmental body, they are strictly a foundation. So most of the county attorneys and coroners are passing on information to this foundation anyway, but there is some confusion in the law. I think it's a good idea to continue to continue to send the information to this volunteer organization to help these parents. So, instead of attempting to amend Senator Hartnett's bill with a nongermane amendment, I'm requesting to suspend the rules. The amendment has the support of Senator Hartnett. And I'd be happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on Senator Abboud's motion to suspend the rules? Seeing none, those in favor of the motion to suspend Rule 7, Section 3, subsection (d), please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules to permit consideration of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The rules are suspended. Back to you, Senator Abboud, for your amendment. (Gavel.)

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I believe I pretty