

much explained what the amendment did when we were discussing the suspension motion. As I said, I'd be happy to answer any questions about it, if not, I'd just as soon proceed to the vote on the amendment and move on with the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the adoption of the amendment please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Abboud's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Hartnett and Kristensen moved to amend the bill. (Hartnett-Kristensen amendment is on pages 1947-49 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, will you handle it? Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. As you will recall, 603 deals with the State Foster Care Review Board and their abilities and their authority to come into court on juvenile matters, particularly when we're dealing with the disposition of juveniles, in other words placements and what we're going to do with juveniles once they've been adjudicated under our statutes. One of the concerns that arose after General File, in looking at this, is the fact that the State Foster Care Review Board could file any pleadings or any motions. And what that allowed them to do was file things such as petitions and start whole new cases over, it would allow them to file things such as contempts or dismissals in juvenile cases, things that have always been restricted or placed in the discretion and authority of county attorneys, and perhaps even at times guardian ad litem, which would be in the best interest. That necessarily was not the intent of the State Foster Care Review Board. Through extensive discussions with the County Attorneys Association, and the State Foster Care Review Board they've come up with some compromise that I think really fits what both of them are trying to do. A bottom line that we'd like to do is to make sure the State Foster Care Review Board has some control and has the authority to come into court as an advocate for these children at hearings, and particularly dispositional hearings or review hearings. Now the