

Health Department is that more precise language be used to describe what we are talking about than the language in the bill. The language in the bill says, "acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or its related diseases". The amendment that was suggested by the Department of Health which I am offering to the bill would strike that language and substitute "human immunodeficiency virus infection or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome." So it would be HIV/AIDS, but we spelled out the words so I am asking that this amendment be adopted so that we are precisely stating the condition that is being covered by the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Dierks. Thank you. Senator Wesely, on the Chambers amendment. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess I will talk on the amendment and really address the bill as well as the amendment, and I am glad that it was made very clear, and I thank you, Senator Chambers, for bringing this to the body. It is a problem that is widespread, will become more widespread, and these people, as you mentioned, the innocent babies that are born, those who have acquired it from blood transfusions need this kind of protection, and I intend to support the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Chambers, to close. Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Back to the bill as amended, discussion on the advancement of the bill. Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Wesely. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I, too, thank Senator Chambers for bringing this legislation. I think it is quite necessary and he has done an excellent job of telling you the risks and the method of transmission of this disease. I have had a personal experience in that I have visited an AIDS home in the Washington, D.C. area, one that is run by Mother Teresa, and at that time I met several AIDS patients. I really had no fear of that because my son had