

advanced to General File, LB 1077 General File, LB 1075 General File with amendments. Senator Conway has amendments to LB 956; Senator Baack to LB 545A. Agriculture gives notice of cancellation of hearing; Agriculture reports LB 1004 with committee amendments attached. (See pages 567-71 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, that is all that I have at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Proceeding then to the next bill on Select File, LB 720.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first order of business on 720 are Enrollment and Review amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 720.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You have heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill. The amendment is on page 542 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, if you recall, LB 720 dealt with caseworkers to investigate child abuse and also to keep caseworkers to work with our foster care children. If you recall on General File, Senator Warner amended the bill deleting the direct tie to national standards that we had in the original bill for fear of having us tied directly to national standards, and so what we talked about at that time was coming back with some references for the Director of Social Services to develop caseload standards and have some guidance from this Legislature. You can't just completely delegate that authority. You need to give them some legislative guidance. So this amendment would provide that reference for the Director of Social Services in establishing the caseload work for these social caseworkers. The work that we did, Senator Kristensen, and I think Senator Morrissey, Senator Bernard-Stevens I think also raised questions about how you determine where these workers went to and we did put in some standards in here dealing