

drafting error. I never intended for libraries to charge for assistance from librarians, and so I want that to be stricken from the language. And then on line 20, "primary" is really unnecessary language, and we don't want to complicate it in any way by putting that word in, so we decided to remove that also. So that is really basically what the amendment does to the bill. The bill, as has already been stated, is a bill relating to public libraries, and it deals with allowing them to charge for extra kinds of services which they are now, quite honestly, some of them performing illegally, but not for basic services, and I will talk about that in the bill. This amendment is, to me, tightens it up more yet. So I would ask your support on the amendment, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. For discussion purposes, Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: To the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the Smith amendment? Anything further, Senator Smith?

SENATOR SMITH: No.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Smith amendment to LB 1236. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This is a bill that actually amends Chapter 51, Article II, dealing with public libraries. In the first section of the bill all I'm doing is defining what basic services are that are provided by libraries, and I wanted to make very clear that basic services are something that are going to continue to be free services. As I mentioned a little earlier, right now this is to address a problem which has been created by the fact that probably because of the hard economic times in some of the communities across the state, I think they're becoming resourceful in forcing...maybe that's not the correct word, but