

children in a better way, which can result only in better care of those foster children. I ask your support for this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Smith amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Smith amendment as amended, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Smith amendment is adopted. Any other amendments on it, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next amendment I have is from Senator Crosby. (Crosby amendment appears on page 1130 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. My amendment is only two and a half lines, I guess, two lines, and I will read it to you. I did not make 50 copies of it, I'll save that much paper, if you'll all listen to me and pay attention to what I'm saying, because it has a very strong point that I think we need to address this afternoon in this bill. On page 11, line 20, after the period, insert "At least one member shall be an attorney with legal expertise in child welfare." I bring this amendment to this bill because, I think from the discussion a week or so ago about the appointments, again, to the board, I feel that we need to strengthen that board. And, if we are going to give them status in court, which is what LB 1222 is about really, if the Foster Care Review Board does have that status, then they need continuing legal advice. Now, to go back to our discussion of a week ago, the avenging angel, Dennis Carlson, is the disciplinary officer for the Bar Association. As such, he cannot practice law, under the rules that he works under, and he may not go into court. So, even though he may be reappointed to the board, no matter what happens about that, they still need someone with this status in court that they want. And, even if they didn't have that, they do need someone to advise from the point of view of law and represent them, if they need be, or help the board choose someone to represent. So that's why I brought this particular amendment. The amendment is not aimed at anyone, it's not