

March 7, 1990

LB 259A, 678

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Withem amendment is adopted. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would move that the bill be readvanced.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? If not, shall the bill be readvanced? Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. The bill is readvanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 678 is the next bill scheduled. I have a motion to return the bill from Senators Lamb and Wesely for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1195 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, will you handle the amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: I guess for now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, 678, as you recall, is a bill dealing with child care and, on Select File, Senator Lamb was able to amend the bill to, as we thought, exempt counties with 15,000 or fewer inhabitants from having to have licensure unless they had more than five children in the day-care setting. That was what the debate was over and the transcript will indicate that. But, unfortunately, after the amendment was attached and then advanced to Final Reading, it was discovered that the amendment did not actually accomplish that goal and, in fact, would have made that change for the whole state. This was not the intent of the amendment and this is an attempt to clarify that. And I appreciate it very much. I want to say Senator Lamb has been very honorable on this. His intent was clear on the amendment and it was simply a bill drafting error that caused this problem and I am very pleased that he was willing to co-sponsor this to clarify that issue. So I would very much appreciate the chance to return the bill, amend it with this clarification and readvance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion? If not, shall the bill be returned to Select File? All in favor vote