

factor, perhaps, as the days go on, and next week when we readdress this issue, we will come up with a better figure. But by doing it on a district by district, area by area basis, we then know where our state stands and our solutions will have to be statewide. A solution is not a district solution. We are trying to address that with a caseworker bill, LB 720, that is on Final Reading, and that will help in a great way to deal with some of these problems, but I also recognize it is not enough. And so my feeling is to only isolate one district is a mistake. We should amend this to look at it on a statewide level, and then from there, we can negotiate and discuss how we might approach that and what money might be needed to do that. But I would definitely support the Haberman amendment with an understanding that this amendment is attached and that we look at it statewide and not simply as a one-district problem, when it isn't. It is a statewide problem. So I ask your support for the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to the Haberman amendment. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment is not adopted. Senator Bernard-Stevens to discuss the Haberman amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. Just very briefly, one of the bills that was before the body earlier this session which there were amendments that were drafted, in fact, it was a bill that Senator Wesely had on the floor, and one of the concerns that we had, and I say we, as those interested in social services, which I know is all of us, but particularly those out in the central and western part of the state, is that when we've added social workers and we have added personnel, part of the problem is that it never ever filters out west, and there are a lot of reasons for that. A lot of times it is the way they do their count, and whether or not they are doing a count average for the whole year, whether they are doing a count for that day or what the count, the load was. And part of the problem is...

SENATOR LAMB: The call is raised.