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LB 854

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Do you have a motion, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to amend the Chambers motion to refer to committee. (See FA461 on page 1911 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, I will speak a couple of minutes and yield the rest of my time at that point to Senator Scofield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, state your point.

SENATOR LAMB: Is that motion amendable?

SPEAKER BARRETT: The motion to refer?

SENATOR LAMB: To refer to committee, I am not sure that is amendable.

SPEAKER BARRETT: To a Standing Committee? Yes. Proceed.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Raise the call.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I disagree somewhat with Senator Chambers, as one of the things that I think has been somewhat troublesome on the whole bill is that, and this is nothing against the Judiciary Committee at all, but a lot of these issues, particularly LB 854 has to do with a lot of health benefits as well, both some positive to health benefits and some negative to health benefits, but I think it only proper that we recommit the bill to both the Judiciary and the Health and Human Services Committee so that we can get the kind of overall viewpoints, I think, from all angles so that we could come out with a bill hopefully next time that not only is considering the legal part of it, whether it is constitutional or not, and constitutional tests for whomever's agenda, but also look at the compassion part and the health risk or the health benefits on it, and put that in there as well. And I think that would only serve to be the better place for it to go, and at this point, I