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municipalities in the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act and this would carry that over into the Interlocal Cooperation Act. So with that I would encourage the adoption of, or the advancement of LB 731.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Seeing no one wishing to debate, we will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 731. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of 731, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 731 is advanced. LB 410.

CLERK: LB 410 was introduced by Senators Byars, Rasmussen and Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, I am introducing LB 410 on behalf of Senator Wesely. LB 410 provides specifically that a deputy counsel for Child Welfare Services be located in the legislative Ombudsman's Office. The state provides an increased number of services to children and the systems have become more complicated and more and more inquiries and issues have been directed to the Ombudsman's Office related to child welfare issues and there is a need to have one person assigned specifically to deal with the increasing number and the increased complicated nature of the cases that are being presented to them. Having a specific person doing this would also enable us to begin to track common patterns and possibly could result in the recommendations of some policy issues to the Legislature and the agencies. With that I would urge the passing of LB 410 to E & R.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Seeing no one wishing to debate this issue, we will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 410. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to advance LB 410? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays on the advancement of LB 410.