

any questions you might have.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labedz would move to amend the Lynch amendment. (Labedz amendment appears on page 1572 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Labedz, on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Lynch does have a sincere interest and concern on his amendment to LB 425 and I share that interest. I don't think he is trying to damage LB 425. He sees it as an additional opportunity to express the social outrage that many of us have over some of the situations which we have come to light. As a co-member, Senator Lynch and I, of the Franklin Committee, we were shocked, outraged and can't express what we felt of some of the things that we've heard. Child abuse is a tragedy in which we all share concern and I think Senator Lynch, as I said before, is sincere in the commentary he is seeking to add. I do, though, have some concern about whether or not the contents of this bill is appropriate for Senator Lynch's amendment in itself and standing alone, I'm afraid that standing alone is the first section of the bill, would create a misleading context for the bill itself. Knowing of Senator Lynch's concern and myself, and I'm sure other members of the Franklin Committee, and I did share it with him and I believe there is a way to deal with this amendment to the satisfaction of both myself and Senator Lynch. I am proposing to the amendment that you will find on page 1572 of the Journal the intent language consistent and relating to the purposes of LB 425 and then incorporating Senator Lynch's language as a subdivision of that section of the bill. In other words, Senator Lynch's language would become a part of the overall intent and section of the bill, LB 425. I urge for the adoption of my amendment to Senator Lynch's amendment to LB 425.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Labedz. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

SPEAKER BAACK: State your point.