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LB 701, 827

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SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do you have any items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: One item, Senator Rod Johnson would like to print amendments to LB 827, Mr. President. That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will then resume our discussion of LB 701.

CLERK: Mr. President, 701 was offered this morning by Senator Rasmussen. Senator, I now have your amendment that is found on page 1608 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I said this morning, what 701 is a reflection of the federal law 99-457 which is recommending guidelines for services for children with disabilities and their families between ages of birth and three. And the original bill was establishing a statewide program responding to the mandates in the federal law, but in due respect to the financial restrictions that we have right now, we have moved this project from a statewide program to a demonstration project and this will give us an opportunity for a year to check out some of the systems that we had hoped to implement on a statewide basis. The amendments, and they're in the Journal and you also should have a copy on your desk of a section by section explanation of the amendments. They are primarily designed to change this from a statewide project to a demonstration project, from a \$4 million project to a \$19,000 project. Sections 2 and 3 do exactly that, they change the language from a statewide project to a demonstration project and identifies that what the demonstration projects will do is to