

missing and it occurred to him that we have no way of flagging missing children who may be home schooled and may not be going through the regular public school system. Currently, if a child enters a public school he or she or their parents must produce a birth certificate or some similar kind of documentation so that you know that that person is who they say they are and so that any previous school records can be checked to see if they are flagged because in Nebraska the state statutes allow persons, or the patrol who reports on missing persons to have school records flagged if a child is missing. So this is already done in the public and private schools in Nebraska and this would simply extend this to the home school child who would have to produce a birth certificate if they are going to be home schooled. Now it would be up to the Commissioner of Education or the school to notify this parent or guardian in writing that unless he or she complies within 10 days, the matter will be referred to the local law enforcement agency. That's pretty much the standard method of operation in these kinds of cases. I would be happy to try to answer questions if I might, but I think this is an important matter. I have had...the person I believe is president of the Home School group did come into my office and took a look at this bill and I have not heard any voice of protest about it. It was discussed at the public hearing on LB 606. So with that I would close and ask if there are any questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Schimek? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I'd waive, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Schimek. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schimek's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek's amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the committee amendments I have is by Senator Lamb. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1754 of the Legislative Journal.)