

fact that two of the important ingredients in this bill are confidentiality and expediency, the need for an expedited hearing and decision on the part of the court. I think Senator Rasmussen explained the bill very well, and I don't need to expand upon that. I would point out one thing, that the information sheet that you got around, I think, there was one change to that, and that is the question of requirement of counsel. What this...what the amendment does is it makes clear that the woman has the right to counsel at the appellate level, upon request she shall be appointed the counsel, that counsel shall be paid for by the county. So it also makes clear that, if the woman does not want to have an attorney, she does not have to have an attorney. Again, the intent there is to help preserve that confidentiality, that this decision is revealed only to those persons that she chooses to have it revealed to. I would urge again the adoption of the amendment, and the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Rasmussen? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the adoption of the Rasmussen amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senators Rasmussen, Beutler and Lindsay's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Do you have further amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Senator Hillman would move to amend, Madam President. And I believe copies have been distributed to the members. (Hillman amendment appears on page 2099 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam Chairman and members of the body, I do move to amend LB 425. And the copies have been passed out to you. What it does is it changes one parent, and includes along with that a grandparent or a stepparent. What we're looking at here is the extended family, and how important the extended family can be in a case like this. If I had my druthers, what I'd do is I'd include aunts, uncles, sisters, and brothers as