

and the full panoply. So it is simply intended to be a means for the court to use to hold hearings without everyone being present and, for the most part, these hearings will not involve the introduction of evidence or any other matters that would necessitate their appearing in front of the court, and is simply an attempt to give the courts an administrative tool to simplify the process. With that, I would move adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, we will vote on the Wickersham amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the amendment? Have you all voted on the Wickersham amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I would now like to direct the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Withem are 80 fourth graders from Hickory Hill in Papillion. Would you all please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers this morning. Thank you. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler, you have the next amendment, Senator. I have AM1203 next with a note that you wish to withdraw and substitute AM1767?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is correct, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM1767. (See pages 2471-73 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment which has been passed out to you, and it represented a bill that was in Judiciary Committee, and I think it was intended that all these child support bills would come in under one or two that were advanced to the floor. I would let Senator Chizek comment on that. In any event, what this bill does is give the courts some additional flexibility with regard to the appointment of child support referees. You may recall that a few years ago the federal government started putting pressure on us with regard to the processing of child support