

January 23, 1992 LB 169

CLERK: 3 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are rejected. We will go to LB 169. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. This bill actually was adopted as an amendment to the appropriations package that went through last session. In discussing with the Speaker, people in the Department of Social Services and the Chairman of the Health Committee, it was also deemed that it would be even more helpful if we still go ahead and adopt this bill so that we have in...make the statute change as well as the appropriation change. The money is already there. It is in fact...the negotiations are already going on for the foster care insurance program. This would simply help speed along negotiations, and I particularly want to thank the Speaker for allowing us to put this on consent calendar so that...because it was something that really needed to be done, statutowise, to make easier that which we've already agreed to do. And, with that, I urge that the body adopt and move along LB 169.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a question for Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The money to pay for this comes from where? As I understand it, it's already in the budget, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Senator Robinson. As part of the budget bill passed last year, you did include money to pay for this. So it's now in place, but it isn't statutorily in place.

SENATOR ROBINSON: So we already have the money.

SENATOR WESELY: You got the money, yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.