

February 10, 1992 LB 308, 1081, 1134

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that...

SPEAKER BAACK: Certainly.

CLERK: Thank you. I have a confirmation report from Government Committee, that's offered by Senator Conway as Chair of the committee. Mr. President, your Committee on Government, whose Chair is Senator Conway, reports LB 1081 to General File; and LB 1134 to General File, both signed by Senator Conway as Chair of the committee. (See page 748 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 308 was a bill originally introduced by Senators Lynch, Rasmussen and Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16 of 1991, at that time was referred to the Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Health Committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (See AM0602 on Journal page 1315, First Session, 1991.)

SPEAKER BAACK: The Chair of the Health Committee, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. LB 308, as indicated, does establish a brain injury registry at the Department of Health. At the hearing that we held on the bill, although there was a great deal of support for the measure, there were some concerns expressed about the breadth of the language. The committee amendments would delete several references in the bill that will help address some of the concerns expressed at the hearing, particularly on page 3 where it indicates temporarily or permanently impairs, we would strike the temporarily to indicate not each and every brain injury needed to be reported, but those that were of a more serious nature, so that we wouldn't have an overreporting problem with this registry. That's essentially the thrust of the committee amendments, and I'd ask for their adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Crosby, did you wish to discuss the committee amendments? Any discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Wesely, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the committee amendments to LB 308. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.