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they will include that. Lines 7 through 11, the language tries to limit claims made by foster parents against the fund only to those arising out of acts which fall within the coverage of the insurance policy, and we're simply trying again so that we have ways where the fund does not rapidly deplete, so we can actually provide...have the funds that would cover the claims under the insurance policies. For the most part, there is another amendment on line 7 through 11, which makes it clear that the funds be used by the Department of Social Services, both to pay such claims and to pay for the insurance policies. And that latter is lines 7 through 11, the explanation on the other amendment was lines 15 through 18. That is what the amendment does. It makes it clear what the intent of the bill originally was trying to do. I urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Bernard-Stevens? Seeing none, we will vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Bernard-Stevens amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to amend. (See AM2928 on pages 844-45 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. This amendment is LB 1272, which was passed out of the Education Committee this week and provides for a \$1.7 million cut in the wards of the court program, as it applies to foster care families. The state ward education program administered by the Department of Social Services would be reduced by this amendment. This program reimburses school districts and private institutions for education and transportation costs of state wards in the legal custody of the Department of Social Services, or wards of any court who are in substitute care outside of their residential school district. This bill was originally...when it was originally introduced, or this measure, the wards of the court program when it was originally set up, there was an appropriation of \$160,000 to set up the program.