

Senator Elmer, please check in. Senator Cudaback. We're looking for Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Landis, Senator Bernard-Stevens is on his way. Do you wish to proceed? Okay. Proceed with roll call vote in reverse order. I'm sorry, Senator Ashford, regular order.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1607-08 of the Legislative Journal.) Vote is 24 ayes, 10 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is...to the amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Is there anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, there is. Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendments. (See Senator Chambers' FA334 as found on page 1608 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, would you read that, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: On page 7, lines 15 through 17, strike all language beginning with "nothing" in line 15 through "law" in line 17.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Madam President and members of the Legislature, I had talked to even Senator Ashford about this and I think he agrees. I'm going to read you the language that I want to strike: Nothing in this act shall restrict the mediator's obligation to report abuse as required by Nebraska law. We're at the point now where the mediation would be voluntary so you're dealing only with people who are agreeing to come together for this purpose. When a lawyer or a doctor or anybody who's providing a very important service to an individual and that provider needs to know all of the pertinent facts, the person giving the information has to feel free to discuss everything without it being used against him or her. If this happens to be one of those issues that would have to be discussed to resolve the problem but the mediator is also an informer for the police, then that mediator is serving a law enforcement function. At the least, if you're going to have this language, you would have to have the mediator inform these people of their rights, their Miranda rights. Anything you say can be used against you and, if that is the case, that wipes out