

April 8, 1992

LB 719

SENATOR HALL: Question.

SENATOR CONWAY: Question is called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question, is shall debate cease? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CONWAY: Debate is ceased. Senator Lindsay, would you like to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I would simply move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The motion is the adoption of the Lindsay amendment to LB 719. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Lindsay's amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: The Lindsay amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Ashford. (Senator Ashford's amendment AM4270 is found on pages 2099-2101 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Very, hopefully, very briefly, this amendment I'm going to run now and, hopefully, get a vote up or down on it and then that will be it. This is 1272, which is the \$1.7 million cut in state aid for the wards of the court program and it's been debated twice on the floor. I don't know how much additional debate there needs to be. The last time this came up, the teacher's pay bill was put on it and it didn't...there was no opportunity for a debate on the merits of this other than to discuss it generally and then go to the teacher pay bill, so what I'm doing is, obviously, this cut is needed. It's the only program, programmatic cut that is in the budget that's available to be voted on. We know that it's going to be...we're going to be in a critical stage next year and we're going to have veto overrides to deal with this year and, if we want to hold to a three...to our...certainly to the Governor's numbers and