

just going to say it to all of you, you're welcome. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no further lights, Senator Avery, do you wish to close on your amendment to the committee amendment?

SENATOR AVERY: One short comment. I...there's more, I think, to this that potentially when that child is placed in an environment, it may be a short time or a long time. And that first year and a half, I'm looking at it that it may be worthwhile that that guardian ad litem at least investigate and probably have to contact that home, those guardians, those foster parents, maybe grandmothers, whoever, to do their further investigation and complete their job. So we'll see what the body does. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. The question before the body is the adoption of the Avery amendment to the committee amendments to LB 305. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 7 ayes, 11 nays on the adoption of the Avery amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment to the committee amendment fails. We now turn to a discussion...excuse me, there is a new amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (Beutler amendment appears on page 632 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would just like to quickly give you one more choice. And what this amendment does is simply say, with regard to the inquiry that needs to be made of caseworkers, foster parents and other custodians, in the case of those inquiries which are mandated under the committee amendment, they would be made a matter of "may" instead of "shall". It would be voluntary. So it restores to the guardian ad litem the flexibility to decide which of the foster parents, which of the caseworkers and which of the custodians are important to interview for purposes of whatever proceeding they're involved in. And again, I would