

requiring personal visits or anything with all of these. So I think under the committee amendments as they stand it's really not requiring an enormous amount. Under the Beutler amendment, of course, that would make it take even that much away. So I, too, I guess, will listen to the debate on it, but at this point would be inclined to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion of the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Lindsay also accurately described the choice. Once again, just to be sure that you understand the choice, under the committee amendment, as it stands, a guardian ad litem would be mandated to make inquiry of all caseworkers, foster parents or other custodians who had, at any time, been involved with the child. And under my amendment the guardian ad litem would have the ability to exercise his or her judgment as to which of those caseworkers, foster parents or other custodians they thought appropriate to contact. I guess it's a matter of whether you think these things should be mandated or whether you're willing to trust the good judgment of the people involved to do the job properly, and through that means hopefully save a great deal in cost, but not do any damage to the representation of the child. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body is the adoption of the Beutler 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.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 11 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Beutler amendment fails. We turn now...return now to a discussion of the committee amendments. Seeing none, Senator Lindsay, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, members. Again, just to remind you what the committee amendments do is to make that...we've had a pretty good discussion about them so far with adding additional choices in there. But what it does is it requires contact between the juvenile and the guardian ad litem,