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Senator Stuhr's amendment with AM1530. (See page 1557 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this, again, is a technical amendment. Paragraph (4) of Section 22 of the Stuhr amendment says, notice shall be considered to have been filed when received by the registry or when postmarked, whichever is the later, and we discovered that, of course, it couldn't be received unless it was postmarked prior to that time. So there is an inherent contradiction, and to correct that language, we propose to amend that section by adding to line 27 the following language: A notice of intent to claim paternity and obtain custody of the child shall be considered to have been filed if it is received by the Department of Social Services or postmarked prior to the end of the fifth business day contemplated by this section. All this does is just clear up an ambiguity in...and it does not change the intent of the Stuhr amendment at all. It just clears up an ambiguity. I would request the approval and adoption of AM1530.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the opening on the Matzke amendment. I have lights on. Senator Hall, do you wish to address the Matzke amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Only to say I rise to support, but I want to ask a question on the underlying Stuhr amendment, and maybe it will be...I want to ask it before two o'clock when we leave this bill and go to consent calendar, but the question is with regard to the Stuhr amendment where the amendment reads on page 1533 that the department may charge reasonable fees with respect to the registry in order to defray the cost of such advertising. My question, Senator Stuhr, when it becomes appropriate in the debate, is, who is the department going to charge? Who will pay for that? And I...it is not an issue at this moment. We may get to it before the...I don't know how many more amendments are on the Stuhr amendment but I rise in support of Senator Matzke's and I want to get that question into the record, so that it can be responded to at some point. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Wehrbein, on the Matzke amendment. Senator Matzke, your light is next. You wish to...yours is the last light on, do you wish to close on