

he comes. Senator Cudaback, would you like to check in. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, would you...oh, we are voting on the Hall amendment to the committee amendments to LB 455. Mr. Clerk, would you please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1596 of the Legislative Journal.) 30 ayes, 12 nays on the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Beutler. (FA133 appears on page 1597 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, this amendment just adds one word to the definition of extreme hardship. Extreme hardship right now under the bill's definition means a recipient family does not have adequate cash resources to meet the cost of the basic needs of food and housing. I've simply added clothing so that it would read the basic needs of food, clothing and housing, food, clothing and shelter usually being the description of the basic needs. Extreme hardship, of course, is that state that a family needs to reach in order to be eligible for some minimum benefits and it seemed to me that, well, clearly, if you do not put the word clothing in there, you are forcing them to be in a child abuse situation before you will give assistance because child abuse under our current definition is to be deprived of necessary clothing and so it seemed to me that you don't want to create a situation where you drive a family to child abuse before you give them the last ditch assistance that is provided for in the bill. So it just adds the word clothing.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Beutler amendment, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the background of this committee amendment is that it is a provision to define the term extreme hardship to make certain that the two-year limitation does not create any homelessness. It defines extreme hardship to mean a recipient family does not have adequate cash resources to meet the costs of the basic