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LB 642

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The house is under call. Will senators please return to their seats. Will all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. We are accepting call-in votes. The question before you is, shall debate cease on the Schimek amendment on the first section of the Avery amendment to LB 642?

CLERK: Senator Jones voting yes. Senator Cudaback voting yes. Senator Schellpeper voting yes. Senator Hudkins voting yes. Senator Maurstad voting yes. Senator Vrtiska voting yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Schimek to close on her amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I can't resist commenting, Senator Landis, you can fool us once, but you're not going to do that again. I never saw anybody coopt so many people out of speaking on a bill and then get up and speak on the bill but, anyway... I have to make clear, and I haven't made clear up until this point that I think that the Foster Care Review Board has been a very much needed, and well run institution; and I have been very supportive of Foster Care Review Board, and my opposition to this bill has nothing to do with any performance of that entity, rather, I don't think this is the solution. And I think this bill has not had adequate consideration. I think there are many problems with it, and I can't support it even if, maybe, I shouldn't say I can't, but maybe the only condition on which I could do that is if it became a code agency. But to the amendment, the amendment begins on line 7 of page 1 of the Avery amendment, and it starts with "The" in that line and strikes everything there through line 11, where it says "transfer". The upshot of it would be that the first two sentences would remain, and it talks about transferring five additional employees in each year. Now, Senator Hall, it does still talk about transfer, so that is not taken out up here, and then the last line would just say that they retain all their employee benefits. Now the question I raised early on, and it is still a question in my mind, is what happens if they don't want to volunteer to transfer? And, you know, Senator Chambers, you talked with some people out in the lobby, but that, you know, that isn't a survey of those