

some dollars there to do some in depth training to make sure that that process is covered. And I've got those figures and I will get those to all that's interested and get them out to the members. In terms of a code agency, I think that would be a disservice to the kids. What happens when agencies or code agencies, we get into politics, we get into situations where a potential candidate being a Governor, incumbent, would ask agencies to try to keep a lid on troubles, things that could come out in the press. I think in that scenario we would have kids suffering because certain things do have to come out in the press to bring out the problems before action is taken. And those scenarios the children would suffer and those individuals that this process is...the Legislature put this process in to take care of would be severely hampered in helping the kids. So, with that, I ask that you support this amendment and we move on. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Avery. You've heard the closing. The question is the adoption of the Avery amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Avery's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Item before the body then is the motion to advance to E & R Initial. I have three lights on, Senator Pirsch, followed by Senator Wesely and Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to rise and give my support for LB 647...642, excuse me. We did hear this in the Health and Human Services. We had a choice and the choice of the majority of the committee was to choose the Foster Care Review Board to have this thorough review of all children. And children falling through the cracks was the impetus or the initiative for both bills that were introduced in the committee. And what concerns me was that 18.3 percent of the children who had DSS internal reviews have no plans or no written plans as defined by the Nebraska Legislature. When we get to a...the process of the foster care, we look to the Department of Social Services, DSS, to provide the caseworker and, of course, that