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anything?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I think that in the best interest of the child, it does, does take precedent and we're trying to reemphasize that by adding the committee amendment. What we have seen in the past, though, is the question of relative placement versus another placement. They haven't given an extra look at the relative.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: And so this is, in fact, a step.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay, very good. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek. Any further discussion on committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Wesely. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1001. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk. Senator Schimek, to open on LB 1001.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Madam President, Senator Bernard-Stevens has suggested and I think it's probably a good idea that we go right to the next amendment and I'll just waive the opening here.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Jensen would move to amend the bill. (See AM3236 on page 843 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Members of the Legislature, this is a very simple amendment that would only add the word "or", strike a comma, add the word "or" to Section 43-102 of the Nebraska Statute. That's on line 11, which is found in your Journal on page 843. The purpose of the change is to make clear that foreign adoptions in Nebraska do not come under the parental notification provisions of LB 712, which we passed last year. I