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have been contacted by an agency that majors in foreign adoption saying that the Douglas County District Court is requiring them to comply with 712 with foreign children they place for adoption in Nebraska. This was not the intent of LB 412 (sic), the amendment also has an E clause in order for this impediment to be removed for the agencies as soon as possible. This amendment, I understand, is supported by Senator Schimek and also the, who is the introducer of 1001, and Senator Matzke, who's a principal introducer of LB 712. Unless there are any questions or discussion, I would ask for your support to the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Witek, your...Senator Wesely, did you want to discuss this amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Just briefly, Madam President. I rise in support of it as well. The issue was raised. We did do a check after the bill passed last year and found there was, there was just one situation in a court in Douglas County, the rest of the state didn't have a problem. And this does help clarify that. So we appreciate Senator Jensen's effort on this. I support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members, I, likewise, support this amendment. It was apparently a typographical error, oversight last year. There was never any intent to require this procedure to be followed in regard to foreign adoptions. And I appreciate Senator Jensen's bringing it to our attention.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Any further discussion on the Jensen amendment? Seeing none, Senator Jensen. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the Jensen amendment to LB 1001. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Jensen's amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Schimek, to open on LB 1001

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, may