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passing, that I think also perhaps we avoid constitutional problems with regard to due process and equal protection, because I guess I would find it hard to believe that the court system would constitutionally allow a person to be placed on such a list, if, in fact, there was no rational basis or relationship between that list and what they had done. So, perhaps the federal people have kind of overlooked some potential constitutional problems here if, in fact, they do not also make that distinction. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

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

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. Anything further?

CLERK: Senator Witek would move to amend. (Witek amendment, FA456, may be found on page 877 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I have some concern that we'll probably... I don't want to go eight hours on Select File, and I know that there are a lot of people waiting to get time on the agenda. I think this is a serious enough issue, I know this is a serious enough issue to get this through this year, that's why I declared it early for a priority bill, to have that time that I assumed that we'd need, quite frankly, because I knew that Senator Chambers had objections to this piece of legislation. When it came through Judiciary and we had a hearing on this, there were three bills; there was Senator Abboud's bill, Senator Wesely's bill, and my bill. My bill was fashioned after the federal language in the bill. Since people started adopting laws in this area, at some point they came to the recognition that it would be much better to have a uniform law across the United States in order to prevent an individual from going to the next state that might have a lesser law. This is such an area of such grave concern, I think, to so many people involving minors, you have to remember we're talking about children here, minors, this entire law is