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amendment, which becomes the bill, does three things. First, LB 240 clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services is required to report foster care replacements to the Foster Care Review Board. The Program Evaluation Committee recommends that this clarification be made because, under current law, the reporting requirement technically applies only to courts and child-placing agencies. The department does not fall under the statutory definition of child-placing agency. Secondly, LB 240 removes the requirement that local review boards consist of five members and, instead, provides that local boards consist of no more than ten members per local board. This change is made to reflect the actual membership of the current local boards. And, finally, LB 240 lists foster care placement information which must be reported by the Department of Health and Human Services, child placing agencies and the courts to the Foster Care Review Board, and authorizes the state board to determine the format in which the reporting will occur. This change is being made in order to achieve uniformity in reporting. I would urge you to advance LB 240 to Select File and be glad to answer any questions you may have, and thank you for your time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Clerk, committee amendments? Senator Jensen, committee amendments. (AM0487, Legislative Journal page 942.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment was brought by Senator Engel and the Program Evaluation Committee of the Legislature. I want to publicly thank Senator Engel and the committee and the Program Evaluation Unit for their work. The committee amendment changes two additional sections of the statute that relate to the Foster Care Review Board. The current law requires monthly reports to the state board of all foster care placements made by a child placing agency or court. The committee amendment changes...says that the foster care placements made by the Department of Health and Human Services also have to be reported. The committee amendment also requires the following information to be in the monthly reports: one, child identification information; two, parent and stepparent identification information; three, placement information; four, court status information; five, custody entity...custodial entity, excuse me; and six,