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CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have, Senator Don Pederson, an amendment you filed on January 24, Senator.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Pederson.

CLERK: Senator Pederson would like to withdraw, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senators Beutler and Brashear would move to amend with AM2154. (Legislative Journal pages 466-467.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Who is the primary mover?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Doesn't matter.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Beutler, you are recognized to open on the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wickersham, members of the Legislature, this is not really my amendment. This is my amendment, this is Senator Brashear's amendment, Senator Landis' amendment, Senator Crosby has, as I understand it, approves everything in this amendment, so from her respect...perspective this would be a satisfactory compromise of the matter. Senator Chambers, as has been indicated to you earlier, is not entirely satisfied with this version of the amendment. So let me tell you the things that Senator Chambers and I have discussed and what they do, and then I will pass the microphone to Senator Brashear and he can tell you what was included in this committee amendment from...I'm sorry, included in this amendment from the committee amendments. And then you will have a picture of the entire package that is before you in this two-page amendment, which is AM2154, passed out to you. I don't know if you were able to...if the Clerk was able to get it on the computer? It is on the computer. Okay, it's on your computer, too. One of the things, the central...perhaps the central concept of this particular bill and the language that I'm sure Senator Crosby wants to protect is shown on the amendment, on the bottom of page 1, the new language. You'll see that it now says, and consideration shall be given, and consideration shall be given to placing legal custody of the minor child with both parents on a shared or joint custody basis. Two changes, two important changes have been made to that central concept. First of all, the word "first", which came before "consideration" has been