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for several days. I think that it is incumbent for us to go forward. And I concur, again, and would restate the point of view that I cannot imagine a circumstance in which a child should have anything less than a fully qualified attorney appointed as a guardian ad litem to represent their interest in a juvenile proceeding. To give them less is to treat them as something other than the same way we would treat ourselves or the same kind of treatment that we would hope that we would receive if we were in a similar situation. There is no reason to subject them or to place them in a situation where they receive less than we would expect for ourselves.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. You've heard the closing. The issue before the body is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. We're voting on the Wickersham amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 1167 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You've heard the motion to advance LB 1167 to...oh, Senator Kristensen, your light.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I...after the last amendment, I wanted to stand and put a plug in for CASA. And I know Senator Suttle is about ready to fall out of her chair. But the discussion that Senator Pedersen just had, there are still some protections, and the CASA will have a role. I just want to make sure that people understand that that role will be filled as a friend of the court. You don't want to be able, and you shouldn't spend money to hire people that are going to charge a larger per hour rate that will do legal work, to have them go out and go and get some