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CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Jensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is adopted. Next amendment.

CLERK: Senator Chambers would move to amend, AM0236. (Legislative Journal pages 427-428.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Chambers, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to catch everybody's attention on this amendment from the outset so it will not seem I'm trying to slide something by during a period when we are not paying attention. I have been very supportive of Senator Beutler's amendment on this bill. I have been supportive of Senator Jensen's amendment on this bill. But I want you to know this one may be controversial and I hope you will be aware of it as we begin. The last time the bill was before us, I noticed language being added that said, in the definition of "support" would be included this language, quote: and include interest as provided by law. In other portions of the statute, that language exists. What I intend to do by this amendment, if you adopt it, is to strike the requirement that interest be attached and be made a part of the definition of "support." I would rather, if there is to be any interest, let that be developed in the context of a legal proceeding. When you put it in the definition, it means it is a part of whatever order is handed down, regardless of any and every thing. So, before I proceed, I want to get into the record, to the extent that I can, all of the pertinent facts surrounding this issue, and I would have to ask Senator Jensen a question to get to that point, if he will respond.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, in...by the way, Senator Jensen and his staff were kind enough to draft this amendment so