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agree with the work product in this bill. I would ask for its advancement. I know there are committee amendments.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on Judiciary Committee amendments.

**SENATOR BRASHEAR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, the committee amendment to LB 255 is a simple amendment and it's intended to harmonize the effects of the bill. Specifically, the amendment provides that the provisions of the bill shall not be construed to diminish or lessen any standards or requirements regarding mediation and mediators that are presently in the statute. A number of statutes have minimum requirements for persons in order to serve as mediators. For example, in child custody cases, courts will often order a parenting plan to be developed by the parties. A parenting plan is an agreement between divorcing parents as to the specific arrangements for child custody and visitation. The parties often create their parenting plan by working with a mediator. Section 43-2905 requires these mediators to have met minimum training requirements on the issues involved in working with divorcing parents, and we're using this as an example. Among other subjects, mediators in those instances must have an understanding of clinical issues relating to child development, an appreciation of the effects of divorce upon parents and children, and a basic knowledge of family law. The committee amendment is offered in order to ensure that this bill will not be construed so as to minimize or diminish in any way the current training requirements required for mediators. The amendment was brought to the Judiciary Committee by Senator Landis, the introducer of the measure. All members of the committee voted unanimously for it, and I urge your support of the Judiciary Committee amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Brashear. You've heard the opening on the Judiciary Committee amendments. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Brashear, you're recognized to close. And he waives closing. The question then is the adoption of the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 255. All