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discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 613. Seeing no lights on, Senator Beutler. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the Beutler amendment, AM1674. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion is successful. The Beutler amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with FA1675. (Legislative Journal page 1526.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on FA1675 to LB 613.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Again, Mr. Speaker, this is by way of almost a technical clarification. There is a definition of advocate that is somewhat lengthy and part of the length of that definition has to do with the fact that it includes a long "and" clause which requires that they complete a certain number of hours of training. It's a provision that may well be appropriate in some other section but it doesn't work right here because it seems to limit the definition of an advocate to people who have only this training, whereas, what is thought to be done here is to protect communications with the advocate regardless of how much training that advocate may have or not have. And so it works just fine for the bill if you just drop out the training requirement, basically, and leave the first part of the definition of advocate. And, again, I think Senator Bourne is fine with that and that's all this amendment does.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on FA1675. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. And, again, thank you, Senator Beutler, for adding this clarity, but I will say that I think this is more than just a technical change and I want to ask Senator Brashear a quick question if he would yield.