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FLOOR DEBATE

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before the body is adoption of FA1675 offered by Senator Beutler to LB 613. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before the body is the Beutler amendment, FA1675. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:        32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move to advance LB 613 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance. There is discussion. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to rise in support of the bill. I think...I haven't had a chance to really speak about it but my priority bill is this bill. And I think it offers and extends an opportunity for those who attempt to assist victims with some protection and some confidentiality that can be relied upon when they extend themselves to assist the person who is placed in this position. I would not want there to be a chilling effect upon either the victim or the person trying to help them, the advocate, you might say, because of being worried about being called into court. Now there are exceptions and certainly that's contained in the bill as well, exceptions to the confidential communication that is contained. But I think I want to express appreciation to Senator Bourne for bringing the bill, the Judiciary Committee for working on it, advancing it, because I think it's needed. Unfortunately, in our society, we're seeing more and more examples of victims in this area and I think this is a helpful procedural change that will be greatly appreciated. So I just wanted to express my support for the bill and hope that the body advances it. Thank you.