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LB 116, 218

Legislative Journal page 1851.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 116.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. E & R amendments are adopted to LB 116.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Stuthman offers AM1657. Senator, I have a note that you would like to withdraw AM1657 and offer, as a substitute, AM1778.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Correct.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Without objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Stuthman, AM1778, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 1855.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuthman, to open, please.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. AM1778 originally was LB 218, and this was advanced out of the Judiciary Committee with 6 positive votes with 1 member absent. LB 218 is also a Speaker priority bill, but since we're running out of time, I've offered it as this amendment. The intent of LB 218 is to provide clarification of definitions in the department...department's investigation of child abuse and neglect. These changes are important because they will help the general public understand the findings made by HHS, assess its report and (sic) abuse and neglect. LB 218 provides the following changes: The term "subject" in the subject of the report of a child abuse and neglect is defined as a person or persons identified as responsible for the child abuse and neglect. References to the term "special state abused and neglected child registry" are updated with the term "tracking system." Currently, the statute uses registry to refer to the tracking of cases investigated, but also uses a term "register"