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LB 16, 17, 289-299

CLERK: LB 16, by Senator Labedz. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred directly to General File, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. This is a bill which repeals a section that is no longer needed or is covered by other sections of law, thus it is now obsolete. I ask you to advance LB 16 to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of LB 16. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 16.

PRESIDENT: LB 16 advances. LB 17, please.

CLERK: LB 17, Mr. President, is a bill by Senator Labedz as Chair of the Executive Board. (Read title.) Introduced on January 5, referred directly to General File.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. You'll be happy to know that LB 17 is the last of the revisor bills on the agenda today. It eliminates a reference to a repeal definition. I urge you to advance, to E & R Initial, LB 17.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of LB 17. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: LB 17 advances. You have some things to read in, please?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. An announcement, Mr. President. Senator Schellpeper has been selected as Vice Chair of the Retirement Committee. That announcement comes from Senator Haberman.

Mr. President...new bills, Mr. President. (Read LPs 289-299 by

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SENATOR CROSBY: So it still leaves it with the city?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Absolutely, absolutely.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, I wanted to be sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Absolutely, that remains with them and they want more control and that is why they offered this.

SENATOR CROSBY: So this helps them control that better? This helps the cities?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: I was reading through, I just wanted to be sure...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...of my feeling. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Surely. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Hall. Senator Pirsch, do you waive closing on the advancement of LB 154? Senator Pirsch waives closing. All those in favor of the advancement of LB 154 vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please vote. We're asking for a little cooperation from the members of the Legislature. Please vote. Mr. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 154.

SENATOR LABEDZ: LB 154 is advanced. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to read in before we adjourn?

CLERK: Madam President, I do. Your Committee on Health and Human Services, whose Chair is Senator Wesely, to whom was referred LB 290, instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File with amendments; LB 363, General File with amendments; LB 659, General File with amendments; LB 723, General File with amendments, all those signed by Senator Wesely as Chair. (See

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1041, 1066, 1073, 1080, 1173, 1195, 1195A
1200, 1219, 1236, 1240
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SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill as amended. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Mr. President, I think the bill, as explained, as I mentioned, the amendment became the bill, and that is what we're dealing with now. I think I've explained that, some of the other senators, I think, have also discussed that. What I'd do is just be available to answer questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? Any questions? If not, those in favor of the advancement of the bill to E & R initial please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 688.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 688 is advanced. Matters for the record, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Speaker announces selection of Speaker priority bills that include LB 39, LB 290, LB 339, LB 618, LB 771, LB 899, LB 900, LB 941, LB 982, LB 1009, LB 1032, LB 1041, LB 1066, LB 1073, LB 1173, LB 1195, LB 1200, LB 1219, LB 1236, and LB 1240.

Mr. President, new A bills, (Read LB 980A and LB 1195A by title for the first time. See page 867 of the Legislative Journal.)

A reminder, Mr. President, the Urban Affairs Committee will meet in Exec Session at three o'clock this afternoon. Revenue Committee will hold an Exec Session at one-twenty in the Senate Lounge; Revenue, one-twenty in the Senate Lounge, Mr. President. Senator Haberman has amend...or would like to add his name to LB 1080 and to LB 990 as co-introducer.

Mr. President, new resolution offered by Senator Chambers. (Read brief synopsis of LR 257. See pages 867-68 of the

include...recommendation of the state or local board shall be included in the record. Also, within this Section 11, a review hearing may be held once every...more than every six months, and may be held at any time after placement of the child, if it is requested in writing by the state board, with accompanying statement of reasons for calling the review. Members of the state board or its designated representative may attend and be heard in any hearing conducted, and may participate in a review through counsel, with the right to call and cross-examine the witnesses and present arguments in the case. The final section provides a notice of review hearing and the right to participate is to be provided to the State Foster Care Review Board. That is the substance of the bill. With that, I would answer any questions, or simply ask for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, I understand that we have an amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. The first amendment I have to the bill is from Senator Smith. That amendment is on page 1076.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, if you'll look in your books, on page 1076, Journal page 1076, you'll see a printed copy of what was originally LB 290. LB 290 was a bill which was heard last year in the Health and Human Services Committee. It was passed out of committee with no dissenting votes. It was supported by such groups as...in fact it was brought to me by Voices for Children. And it's been a long time priority for the Foster Care Review Board, and it was supported by the Department of Social Services. And I wanted to inform you that in addition to that, last year the Governor included, in her State of the State address, the concern about foster care training and included in her budget a funding proposal for that. What I would like to do is just give you a quick run down of what the bill originally had in it, and which it still does, except that now it would contain, of course, the provisions that were the committee amendment. So what the bill now becomes is a bill that would require persons licensed to provide foster care to receive foster parent training before they could be licensed, and they have to do that then on an annual basis thereafter. Presently, there are no training requirements. Then...and the amount of training that they would