

adoption please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Scofield's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, I think Senator Chizek adequately explained this amendment...the committee amendments, Mr. President and members. And I simply would like to express my appreciation for the hard work that the Judiciary Committee has put in on this whole issue. As he pointed out, this is known as the reasonable efforts bill and it will bring us, a state, into compliance with federal law. And it essentially tracks the language in the federal statute. It's an extremely important measure in terms of potential liability of the state and actually some lawsuits that have occurred in other states and so it's important that we get this done. And, again, I want to thank the Judiciary Committee for their help on this. The bill, as amended, will become the new bill. So I would urge that you adopt the committee amendments as they have been amended and then advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion? If not, any closing comments, Senator Chizek? Those in favor of the adoption of the committee amendments, please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Scofield, on the bill.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, as I pointed out earlier, the bill, as amended, now essentially becomes the proposed statute. And, with that, I would urge your advancement of it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, would you care to discuss the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to have Senator Scofield give us a little more background on this piece