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Okay, it's passed over. We next move to LB 777. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to 777, Senator Bruning, Enrollment and Review amendments, first of all, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: I move we adopt the amendments to LB 777.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor of adoption say aye. All those opposed. E & R amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Jensen and Senator Chambers would move to amend with AM3165. (See pages 667-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. You have on your desk a copy of the amendment, and this is a result of, after coming out of the General File last week and a discussion with Senator Chambers, which he has agreed to, and he may speak, if there's a little time left on the opening here this morning. But what AM7198 (sic) does, it's an amendment to the E & R amendments that were just adopted. It replaces Section 1 and 3 of the E & R amendments and is purely technical in nature, except for one key provision. The amendment has been agreed to by both Senator Chambers and myself, and I want to share that portion of the opening with him, if he needs to. The technical changes and amendments were basically suggested by Bill Drafters to clarify in the amendment. But I do want to draw your attention to what is found on page 1, line 13 of the amendment. It would provide that failure to refuse to attend a parenting education course, if ordered by the court, cannot be punished by incarceration. That is what I have agreed to. Certainly, I can't imagine that incarceration would have taken place. I am confident that this bill is a step in the right direction and that we will see good results coming forward, and it was not certainly my intention that anyone be put behind bars if they did not wish to attend classes. I want to thank you for your support on...of the bill on General File, and I would just