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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Wesely amendment is adopted. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a motion from Senator Brashear regarding placing LB 1099 on General File notwithstanding the action; Senator Landis, amendments to 1162; Senator Coordsen, 924; Senator Chambers to 1099; and Senator Bohlke to 1228. Attorney General's Opinion to Senator Dierks (re: LB 953). New resolution by Senator Chris Peterson, 340 (read brief summary). (See pages 1115-20 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill by Senator Beutler. (AM)3678, Senator. (AM3678 is found on pages 1111-12 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that deals with a problem that has been a continuing problem with this kind of program and that is basically letting people know that the program exists. And so what the amendment says is that each school district annually, when they pass out their written materials, will pass out a pamphlet provided by Human Services indicating that this program is available to students who qualify for the program and, likewise, each hospital, when a child is born, is obligated to give the parents a pamphlet, again provided by the department, indicating that the service is available under certain conditions. And then there's some more language in the amendment that encourages the department to get information out as broadly as they can within their administrative limitations so that program awareness is out there in the public. I sat down and I met with the Board of School Administrators, with NSEA, with the School Boards Association, with the Hospital Association. All are comfortable with this. It doesn't...it's not going to be any additional cost to the schools because they already send out packets to students at the beginning of every year, likewise the hospital has a packet they give to parents for each...with each newborn. And all of the materials, they don't have to prepare anything. All of the materials have to be prepared by the department. If they're not there, they don't