

presently pending a committee amendment from Senator Kennedy's Health Committee, to consider.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members. I move the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments are on page 4, line 6, to reinstate the stricken matter. Very simple amendment and I move that the amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Question then, shall the committee amendments be adopted. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed say no. Amendments are adopted. Are there other amendments to the bill?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Chairman, colleagues, LB953 is a bill that would allow the County Attorney to ask the Welfare Department to investigate those cases where the opinion of the County Attorney that child support payments should be decreed and set at the amount of child support needed in that family. Where the Welfare Department now is the only decision making place as far as child support payments are concerned. The other thing we would like to accomplish with LB953 would be to have the legal action take place in the county where the children are residing. And we'd like to have the County Attorney allowed subjugation against the people who are responsible for the child support payment so that the money expended by the counties could be collected from those who really should be taking care of those children. That's what LB953 would do.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'd have to ask Senator Kelly a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly yield?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The amendment, Senator Kelly, just reinstates father and step-father, is that.....

SENATOR KELLY: No, the committee amendment would reinsert under section 28, 449.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Oh, I see, okay. Now, Senator Kelly, didn't....I believe we discussed that I didn't believe this bill would accomplish what you seek to accomplish here. It was my understanding you were going to get some other amendments before it came up? On general file?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, and the staff of the Health and Welfare Committee believed that that amendment putting back in section 28, 449 was the only change that was needed. To accomplish these two purposes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, I....Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I'm not....I'm still not sure that Senator Kelly's bill does accomplish what he tends to say it will accomplish. I won't oppose the bill at this time but I think I may on Select File after I've had an opportunity to re-review