

custody fight between parents that that should happen in the state with the original jurisdiction. Basically this legislation would allow custody arrangements to happen in that first state and then other states would honor them. Our Nebraska's custody arrangements would be honored. Iowa's custody arrangements would be honored and any other state with this uniform act would in fact honor those decrees. Now the reason this proposal is done on a state level, and one of the questions might be why it is done on a state level instead of on a national level, is because national law will have a greater difficulty in dealing with child snatching. Child snatching is not the same as kidnapping. It is quite a different situation since the intent is not to hostage children for ransom or for financial gain but it is a question of two parents fighting over children that they both love. So for that reason to have it done on a federal basis, legislation like this done on a federal basis, would make child snatching a ~~kin~~ to kidnapping and there is no direct or reasonable relationship between the two. I think that I have explained it maybe briefly. If there are questions, I may answer them. There are other amendments. Senator Johnson is offering some amendments which are, in my interpretation, legally he is trying to make it conform to what language we presently use, some definitional differences and so forth, and I am not too opposed to his amendments. I am not sure they are necessary but they don't hurt anything and for that reason I move advancement of the bill and I can answer questions if I have not satisfactorily done so at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: If Senator Johnson has some amendments, I think we will have those amendments proposed and then there are three that want to speak and they can speak to the bill as a whole and to the amendment. I think that is the easiest way. I have Senator Cope, Senator Hefner and Senator Schmit on the list to speak. So Senator Johnson, do you want to present your amendments and then I will go back to the three who are on the list.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the body, my amendments are on page 813 of the Journal. I want you to know that I support LB 19. I support the uniform child custody jurisdiction act. I took the time to go over the act fairly carefully and to prepare a handful of amendments that I thought would make the act conform more closely to Nebraska practice. Basically LB 19 is an overlay on existing custody practice, and what the overlay in effect says is that if LB 19's procedures are followed with existing custody practice, then a Nebraska decree is entitled to recognition