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the local law enforcement agency have the report of child abuse and also in my book, it is essential that the local law enforcement agency be the first to go in on a child abuse case.

SENATOR SIMON: They are.

SENATOR GOODRICH: For example, if the case where the actual abuse is going on immediately, I don't want a social worker going up to that door to try to quell a disturbance and protect that child. I want a trained law enforcement agent, officer rather, to go in. Now, let me stipulate that I am depending on your interpretations since I have not yet had time to read the amendment, I am depending on your interpretation as to what, number one, law enforcement goes in first. Number two, law enforcement gets the report direct, not through some social agency but direct. Number three is, and this doesn't need a response just yet, but number three is, if I find that after reading this between now and Select File that that is not the case, then you can depend on it you will find a kill motion on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are we ready to adopt the committee amendments? You have five minutes left on time or are you ready to adopt the committee amendments? Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to the adoption of the committee amendments?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, I will not say anything.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of adopting the committee amendments to 505 vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 505. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record?

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

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Now what do we do with the bill?

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I will make my remarks in about twenty seconds to respond to Senator Goodrich and then I will move for the advancement of the bill. The bill strikes out those comments Senator Goodrich was concerned about. There is a creation of a state hot line. The state hot line gets the report. They have to call the local police. The local police go in first. A social worker may possibly accompany the police but in no case