

January 16, 1980

LB 483

SENATOR WARNER: It does. It does not only pertain to....

SENATOR NEWELL: From now on, no, it goes back. That is right and that has been, Senator Warner, that has been a contention. Some people have argued that it should be from this date forward and we have the adoptees, people who are interested in finding out, absolutely unquestionably, they are not happy with the compromises we have made in the bill now. That is one section that they absolutely will not concede to. The agencies have conceded to this section also. There is only a few people who feel they want it, you know, that this ought to be from here on out and not back. In other words, this was an early contention in the bill but I think now people realize that in order to satisfy those adoptees who would like to know, at least try to find out, that you cannot do that and so, therefore, almost there has been a general consensus on this provision that we have to allow for some, you know, that we can't start from here on, that we have to allow for some back information.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers and then Senator Stoney. We are speaking to the amendments to LB 483.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. President and members, I would like to ask a question of Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Newell, on page 4 of the white copy, section 13, now can you tell me if I am reading that correctly. Does that mean that if the parents...whether or not the parents have signed a consent form, if one parent passes away, then the information is forwarded to the adopted child, is that correct?

SENATOR NEWELL: I am going to read that, just one second. Offhand, I would say no but then I want to be able to justify that.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, I think you had better. If I am reading it correctly, in line 23 on page 4, it says indicating that either biological parent. To me that would mean that if only one of them passes away. Now is that an unintentional slip-up or is.....

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, that is an unintentional slip-up, Senator Vickers. I am glad you caught that. I wish you would have come to me very quietly and mentioned that. I would easily have accommodated you. Now I will publicly