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synopsis of what those hearings did.

SENATOR NICHOL: If I get your question correctly, the hearings on the bill as it originally stood were.....

SENATOR NEWELL: Not those, Senator Nichol, I am trying to get (interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: You are trying to forget about those, I understand, but I just wanted to say in passing, the hearing on the original portion of it were pretty much negative. As your amendments have the bill now where it does protect the parents who have adopted the child to the extent the amendments say they do is much more palatable than the original bill. If I were to answer your question in honesty, certainly there is much more support for the bill the way it is now than the original. Is that what you wish to hear?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, thank you, Senator. Again, and I don't want to belabor this point, we have worked out a compromise, the adoption agencies, the adoptees and the parents which dominate the adoption agencies are basically, I mean I am talking about real parents, not biological parents, have basically agreed to this legislation. Now there may be a few dissidents. There may be a few people that have not in fact read or kept up with the work that we have done during the course of this summer and that the amendments that we are offering and the basic consensus that was built but there has been an attempt to do that and lastly but not leastly, this proposal, this proposal, as I have gotten many adopted...parents of adoptees, real parents not biological parents, call and thank me personally for making the modifications that I did, for raising the age limits as we did, and basically providing the protection that we did, and for that reason I think we have a bill that is acceptable. At the very least, these committee amendments should be adopted so that if the bill is to pass there will be in fact a general consensus on this, and for that reason, I strongly urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to 483. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are adopting the committee amendments. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The committee