

by law enforcement in the report of an unemancipated minor. Personally, I believe that we owe the children and we owe the parents the same response that we would for a missing automobile. This twenty-four hour delay in many cases is referred to as the deadly delay. The experts in the coroners' offices across this country have pointed out that their autopsy reports indicate that death in many cases is in the first twenty-four hours. I guess, let me give you a few figures that might open your eyes a little further. Last year in this country there was roughly 1.5 million children who were reported missing. Of this number, most were runaways. A hundred thousand were abducted by noncustodial parents. Fifty thousand were abducted by strangers. In Douglas County last year there were over 1200 reports of missing children. Again, many were runaways. But of the 50,000 nationally who were abducted by strangers, roughly 4,000 were found dead and 30,000 are still missing. Some might say that the bill isn't necessary because so many children are, in fact, runaways. But again I emphasize that I think we have a responsibility to the parents and to the children and if this legislation can save any one child in our state, then I urge its support and I would request the body to advance the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Seeing no other lights, we will now vote on the advancement of LB 187. Those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senator Marsh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting yes.

SENATOR MARSH: The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 1 nay...29 ayes, 20 not voting, Madam President. (See page 449 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR MARSH: LB 187 is advanced.

CLERK: Madam President, the next bill, LB 151 offered by Senator Goodrich. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 14, referred to the Appropriations Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.