

through 27 on the bottom of page 2. So with that, Mr. President, those are the amendments recommended by the committee and I would be pleased to attempt to answer questions anyone might have in this highly technical area. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion, or are there questions in regard to the committee amendments to LB 89? If not, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to adopt the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 89. Please record your vote. We are voting on the adoption of Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 89. Please record your vote. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. The purpose of LB 89 is twofold. First, the bill seeks to broaden the definition of incest in order to protect a broader class of children from a wider range of sexually abusive activities. Second, the bill removes the corroboration requirement for incest cases. Under present law, the crime of incest is defined to include only intermarriage or sexual intercourse between certain blood relatives. The problem is that sexual intercourse is not the most common form of incestuous activity when children are the victims. LB 89 substitutes the term "sexual penetration" for "intercourse" and references the definition of sexual penetration already in our criminal statutes. I have a copy of that definition, which is found in Section 28-318, distributed to you and if you will take a minute to read it, you will see that it covers a significantly wider range of sexual activities. LB 89 also broadens the definition of incest to include incest committed upon minor stepchildren. Under present law, incest can occur only between certain blood relatives as defined in Section 28-702 which has been distributed to you. It is necessary to extend the definition of incest to include stepchildren because 25 to 30 percent of reported incest cases involve a stepparent and a stepchild. LB 89 will cover this group. In addition to broadening the definition of incest, LB 89 also removes the requirement