

PRESIDENT: LB 132A is advanced. Next is LB 259.

CLERK: 259, offered by Senator Marsh. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 17, referred to Public Health and Welfare, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Chairman Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, 259 was brought to us by Senator Marsh. It deals with the child restraint law. There was a provision to exempt emergency vehicles. However, we didn't define what exactly an emergency vehicle was, so the committee amendments do that. There is a statute already in place that defines emergency vehicles. We just referenced that statute. That is the committee amendments. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the committee amendment? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Just to support the committee amendments, Senators, and ask your help to get it attached.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the committee amendment to LB 259. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. Voting on the adoption of Health and Welfare Committee amendments to 259. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. With the committee amendment, which clearly states this is for emergency vehicles only, it provides an exemption for the use of child restraints. It is not used very often, but when a police car is called in an emergency situation, and a mother is injured and the police officer is transporting a mother in a car and there is a small child, and he or she does not have a seat restraint in that car, there are seat belts available, but we do not want our law