

the committee amendments. Senator Schmit and Senator Chizek are the only two excused this morning. Well, we're looking for Senator Lamb, Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator DeCamp. Okay, Senator Chambers, is it okay to go ahead? Okay, a roll call vote has been asked for and we are voting on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments, a simple majority. So we're voting on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 1412 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment to the amendment fails. Do you have any other amendments to the committee amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We're back to the committee amendments. Senator Labedz, did you wish to speak about this? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Back to the issue of the committee amendments without the...with the failure of the Chambers amendment. They're very necessary because they place this independent board now under the department to utilize the staff over there instead of creating new staff. It does change the name slightly, does add a couple of amendments the department needs to pass dealing with child abuse the federal government is requiring and ask adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just one question of Senator Wesely. If you don't raise enough money from the fees, will we be asking for money from the general fund or cash fund? In other words, is this going to be entirely funded by the fees?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes. There is no intent to come back and try to supplement it with general fund money. If we'd have lost the amendment that Senator Chambers had, we would have had to go to the general fund.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So as it stands now, if you fall short of what you think it takes to start this, that's it. You'll