

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the amendment. I appreciate the work that the authors of this amendment have done in trying to make sense out of this bill. You may remember last year, as Senator Barrett mentioned, that I had serious reservations about this bill. In fact, I offered an amendment which really took the teeth out of it and was adopted on the floor here because many people, many judges and lawyers in my area, had serious reservations about the fact that an independent group would be drawing judicial districts, and that many rural areas would have difficulty in finding a judge, in just finding a judge. So at this point I am supportive of the amendment and hope that it will be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, did you wish to close on that amendment, please?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Unless there are questions of any colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I think it has been adequately explained by Senator Baack and Senator Barrett and I would just ask the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the amendment explained. All those in favor of adoption of the amendment, vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Barrett, you had an amendment pending, Senator. (Barrett amendment appears on page 1170 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment which I am offering at this point on LB 516 is one which I shared with the body yesterday. It was passed out on your desks. It did happen to be just before lunchtime and we did not get to the bill but, hopefully, you have had an opportunity to look it over. It again is offered in