

presence. And Senator DeCamp. Senator Abboud, did you wish...what kind of a vote did you wish?

SENATOR ABBOUD: A roll call vote.

SPEAKER NICHOL: A roll call vote has been requested. Those finding Senator Goodrich and Senator DeCamp, do you wish to wait...here is Senator Goodrich but we still having troubles finding Senator DeCamp. Do you wish to go without him? All right, the question is the adoption of the second Abboud amendment to the Vard Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. A roll call vote has been asked so would you please hold the conversation down so the Clerk can hear your response. Members, please return to your seat. (Gavel.) Members, please return to your seats so we can move on. Senator Landis. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1172 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Abboud amendment fails to the Vard Johnson amendment. Now we are back to the Vard Johnson. Anything further on it?

CLERK: Nothing further on it, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I would like to close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, did you wish to speak on this? The call is raised.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I am going to be handing out some information on the floor and what the information deals with is the reported cases of child abuse in the State of Nebraska. Now there is a chart that you are going to be receiving here pretty quick and the headlines read that reported cases of child abuse is up 160 percent since 1982. Now I don't believe that this is the time to be hindering the juvenile court system at a time when caseload and child abuse is skyrocketing in the State of Nebraska. I am not sure why child abuse has increased in the last few years. It might be because of the economics in the State of Nebraska. It might be because more people are reporting it and they are discussing the issue. I am not sure exactly