

SENATOR CARSTEN PRESIDING

SENATOR CARSTEN: Question is the advancement of LB 930. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced. Next, Mr. Clerk, LB 773. Okay, LB 1177.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1177 is introduced by Senator Sieck. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 22. It was referred to Health and Human Services for hearing and the bill was advanced to General File. Senator Sieck, I do have an amendment pending from you, Senator, and Senator Sieck's amendment is on page 1211 of the Journal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Sieck, on the amendment.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I introduced this amendment to remove the phrase "educable children with mental disabilities" because it is not needed. Now this was requested by the Department of Education Ethics Committee of Region 5. Now, in addition, I have an amendment to substitute a term "a mental disorder" for "mental illness" which occurs several times in the bill. This is at the request of Ron Jensen, the Director of the Department of Public Institutions. This is merely using modern language to describe this condition. I urge you to adopt these amendments to come up with modern day language.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Wesely, on the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I would support the amendment. It was brought to us in committee but we voted it out without any amendments to make sure it had a chance to be heard this year. I would like to commend Senator Sieck on LB 1177. It is a bill that is long overdue. If you look at some of the words we have in the statute, it is embarrassing to the state that we still have them there, and Senator Sieck through the efforts of some individuals who are themselves disabled have been able to find these and worked long and hard and come forward with a