

Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken.)

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Clerk wishes to verify the count.

CLERK: (Roll call verified. See page 1442 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is adopted. Anything else on it?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Landis. (Senator Landis's amendment appears on pages 14421-43 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have to apologize to you because the amendment has just been delivered to your desk. Let me read it to you. Let me talk about the rationale for it. New language to be added to the bill. "If the court determines that visitation shall be granted to a grandparent, it may order the payment of child support by the grandparent in an amount not to exceed the cost of the child or children's necessities. An order for support made pursuant to this section may be enforced or modified in the same manner as any order for support against a parent." Now, we all know where the whole idea of visitation comes from, it's on the divorce of parents establishing their right to maintain their relationship with the child. We also know that at that moment the court may also on behalf of the child's interests award a support settlement that requires that noncustodial parent to pay for the child's well being. Now, building on this model, the grandparents say, you know, if it is good enough for the parents, it is good enough for us. We care about those children. We want to be with those children. We have a loving relationship we want to continue and we want to be able to go to court and demand that the court turn the child into this scheduled benefit between parents.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.