

membership to the issue on the floor which is amendment to LB 600 offered by Senator Hoagland of the Judiciary Committee. We need the cooperation of members to come in and vote either aye or nay on the amendments. Have you all voted? Please record your vote aye or nay. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hoagland's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Hoagland amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Abboud would move to amend. (Senator Abboud's amendment appears on pages 2081-86 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, what this amendment does is it deals with the Section 1 that was offered by Senator Hoagland in dealing with court referees, in dealing with child support payments. Now what this particular amendment does is it decides...the Supreme Court decides whether a child support referee is needed. After the Supreme Court decides that the referee is needed, then the district court judges...let's say a district court judge in a particular district, they get together and they choose a referee. Now how this is different, then finally if they decide that the referee isn't needed any longer, if the backlog of cases has been handled, then either the Supreme Court or the district court judges can decide whether, in fact, this referee is needed. Now this is in response to LB 7 that was passed during the special session where we set up a system of referees, a child support referee system. How this differs from Senator Hoagland's amendment that was offered earlier in the existing statutes is that at the present time they can make use of county court judges in deciding these cases in child support referees. This is different in the fact that they will be establishing a separate referee in deciding these child support payments. With that, I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would urge you to vote against Senator Abboud's amendment. Senator Abboud and I have visited about this and what this amendment does, this amendment is being presented on behalf of some judges in Douglas