

Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced. Now we move to LB 2. Is that correct?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, if I might right before that, I have a confirmation report from the Health and Human Services Committee to be inserted. That's signed by Senator Wesely as Chair. (See page 67 of the Legislative Journal.)

I have amendments to be printed by Senator Wesely. (See pages 67-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LB 2 is on Select File. The first order of business on the bill are E & R amendments, Senator.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Hall, on the E & R amendments.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the E & R amendments be adopted? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill from Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator DeCamp, on your amendment to LB 2.

SENATOR DECAMP: Are there any other amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR DECAMP: Hmm. Mr. President, I am just going to mention what this is and get a feel and decide what to do after that. LB 994 was passed about three years ago. The Governor brought it to us and the idea was we were going to have excellence in education and it has a good statement of intent, but we never ever funded it, and then last year we delayed it again. Now, here are some major programs. I think they happen to be very good programs but they had never been funded and they are sitting there and next year you are going to have to fund them. They are programs for staff development, for extended contracts, science and special programs there, exemplary curriculum, education. What my amendment does is simply eliminate the