

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Pedersen, did you wish to address the Chambers amendment? Senator Pedersen, did you wish to address the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I would like to talk to the amendment just a little bit, more so to give the...excuse me, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, just to give you a little personal information and background. I am a counselor, I'm a substance abuse counselor. I work mostly with adolescents, and in the area of substance abuses, a federal law that we are covered under, called the Federal Drug and Alcohol Confidentiality Act, I don't have any numbers in front of me but I can get them for you, and that covers everything except child abuse and another law called duty to inform, which means that if they give you the impression or tell you they are going to hurt themselves or somebody else, you also have to report that. I would, as a substance abuse counselor, I would go under that law before I would the state law anyway, and I would continue to report child abuse because that is in federal statute. If that's any help in this area, I am going to talk with a couple of the other senators and the amendment that Senator Hohenstein just put in I probably am going to support, but the confidentiality is a real sticky issue and wanted you to understand what federal statute had to do with it too. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hohenstein would move to amend the Chambers amendment. (See FA123 on page 1728 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, would you please read the amendment since I didn't get a chance to hand it out to anybody on the floor. This relates to the Chambers amendment found on page 1492 of the Journal.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hohenstein would move to amend the Chambers amendment. (Read FA123.)

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Maybe I should read the amendment. (Laughter.)