

we are talking about, I think, the smallest majority of cases, because if you look at all the statistics in the 30 states that have mediation, 75 percent of the cases that go through mediation come to a parenting plan resolution. So I really, again, I think we are talking about the smaller number of cases, but it is right to talk about it, but I think this is a pretty good resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: I call the question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate, have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. We will go to Senator Hohenstein to close on your amendment.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to try to answer just a couple of questions that I know Senator Schimek wanted to respond to. Her amendment that we adopted the last time we debated this basically said that only when it is determined that there was child abuse or spouse abuse involved would the mediation process cease. In other words, if it were, conversely, if it were not determined to involve those, then it could continue. So I don't think necessarily that these are opposed to each other. I think my amendment would basically say if, in fact, child abuse is determined, sure, the mediation ceases. But if, in fact, it is not determined, the mediation could continue. So I don't look at her amendment as being oppositional necessarily to this amendment. She also asked me another question about whether the court would become the investigative arm. That is not the intention nor I think what would happen. Frankly, if a court determined that there was neither not enough information, it needed more information, or that there was enough information to suspect some sort of abuse, the bill or the amendment says further investigation is merited. So I think what would happen is the court would then refer it and it would go through the normal stages of investigation. That's certainly the intention. The court is not designed in