

also the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the closing on the amendment by Senator Hohenstein. We will now vote on the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hohenstein's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The Hohenstein amendment to the Chambers amendment has been adopted. We are now on the Chambers amendment as amended. Do you wish to speak to that, Senator Schimek? Senator Wesely, did you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment as we've amended it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, again, despite the advantages of the Hohenstein amendment, which I do think improved the Chambers amendment, I'm still going to oppose the amendment. I don't know of the implications of the change. I don't know how it would be handled. I don't know...there are too many questions about what would change from the system we now have in place and the process we already know would work. So I'm going to still rise in opposition to the Chambers amendment, and, again, alert you, I will be passing around for you the requirement on reporting on child abuse is the following, that when a physician, medical institution, nurse, school employee, social worker, or other person has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect, or observe such child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably could result in his or her neglect, he or she shall report such incident. Any other person, that's a broad inclusive everybody, each and every one of us in this state is required, if we observe or hear of and have reasonable cause to believe a child is being abused, we are to report that. Now we still have to report it under the amendment as handled here, but it is not reported through the process we've got in place. It is reported directly to the judge. I don't know what that means. I don't know how that will work exactly. Maybe it is better, I don't know, and because of my questions, I'm still opposed. One thing I would like to point out is that one of the reasons I'm sensitive to this is that we had an adult abuse bill that I carried, and we wanted to have the same reporting requirement for abused adults and we couldn't get it. We had to exempt out clergy and the broader inclusive thing of all people having to report abuse to adults, and so I know there is a