

refer the case or the allegations on for further investigation. We came back with the Ashford amendment, which was drafted before Hohenstein's amendment, and that said that those allegations would be reported to the appropriate state and federal authorities. So we kind of contradicted the Hohenstein amendment or at least...or in the very least, it is confusing. My amendment say: that the allegations of child abuse will be reported to the district judge pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Hohenstein amendment. So we are saying that the mediator shall report the allegations, but we are also following the procedure that we just adopted, he reports them to the district judge who investigates the validity of the report and the allegations, and then there will be action taken if the allegations are worthy of investigation. That is it in a nutshell, so this amendment simply say that the mediator must report the allegations but he reports them to the district judge pursuant to our previous amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Chambers on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, when I was a small boy and a youngster, I heard the story by Washington Irving, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which is better known as the headless horseman, but there was a character in there named Brom (phonetic) Bones, so I would like to ask Senator Bromm a question, and I don't want to strip his amendment to the bone, but I have to get some information.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bromm, would you respond, please.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, does your amendment actually state what the mediator must tell the parties?

SENATOR BROMM: I think so. I was just going up there to double-check that, but when I started off with it, that was part of the language, unless we inadvertently stripped that out in the drafting. Let me go check that. Why don't you talk for a couple of...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, here is what I would like to see the language say so that the moderator, I meant the mediator has some information. We were talking about the mediator. Pretty