

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: You want to basically repeat the language of the Hohenstein amendment so that the mediator is required to specifically state that to the parties before the mediation process starts, is that...?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and what we would have to add, based on what I heard you read that is in the amendment right now, we would add the part about this going to the judge for the in camera hearing, and we might not use that term in his or her instructions, but it would go to the judge for a hearing in chambers, we could say, and then that language. I don't remember how it exactly read, but for the judge to make a determination if there is substance to the allegations or if additional investigation is needed. Something like that, and then when the mediator goes through this law and looks at the section or subsection that tells him or her what advisory must be given to the parties, it is all right there and they don't have to be referred to another section of statute. It is just...it's self-contained.

SENATOR BROMM: I frankly think it would be simpler to withdraw my amendment, and redraft the amendment with that language rather than try to amend my amendment. Mr. Speaker, I would ask to withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Ashford, you are submitting the redrafted amendment?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I can't recall exactly what it says. Maybe, Mr. Clerk, would you rather I came up and got it and read it because I am not sure you can read that. I was just wondering if we were being televised, and I guess we are. That's why I thought I should speak.

SPEAKER BAACK: It's okay if you use my microphone, Brad, I don't mind. It's okay.