

Labor Committee? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SPEAKER BAACK: The confirmation report of the Business and Labor Committee is approved. We will now proceed to Item 6, General File, Senator Landis is not here, so we will pass over LB 757A and we will go to LB 598.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 598 was a bill introduced by Senator Hall and Lindsay. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee. (See AM0912 found on page 550 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, will you handle those amendments?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a bill that deals with prior bad acts that would be made part of a current proceeding in court, and a committee amendment was adopted at the request of the introducer after the parties who are interested in the bill had talked about the situation. The committee amendment strikes the new language in Section 1, subsection (2) of the original bill. This language would have forbidden the use of any prior bad act over five years old. It is an amendment that apparently had been agreed to by the parties, so the committee accepted it, and I move the adoption of this committee amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion on the committee amendment, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of the committee amendments. I appreciate Senator Chambers' introduction of them. The committee amendments basically amount to a deal that was struck amongst the parties concerned, that being the criminal defense attorneys, who I'm carrying the bill for, and I've carried the bill for the last seven years, just never have taken it in terms of a priority status. The bill has oftentimes languished in the Judiciary Committee, but with a new Judiciary Committee process of killing them or moving them, this bill became one that folks sat down