

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 232** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 232," as follows:

"Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 232

By Committee on Judiciary

"AN ACT concerning children and minors; establishing the office of the child advocate as an independent state agency and prescribing certain powers, duties and functions therefor; authorizing access to certain records; relating to children in need of care; making orders granting custody for adoption subject to the federal Indian child welfare act; directing the secretary for children and families to consider foster parents as prospective adoptive parents under certain circumstances; requiring the secretary to report certain data on adoptions; authorizing the appeal of any order of placement of a child; providing for retroactivity; amending K.S.A. 38-2203, 38-2213, 38-2270, 38-2273, 38-2309 and 38-2310 and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 38-2211 and 38-2212 and repealing the existing sections.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

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Chairperson