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Mr. President:

The Judiciary Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 63**, ADOPTION PROCEDURES, by Senator H. Nielson, et al, with the following amendments:

1. Page 5, Line 124: After "parent" insert "or blood relative"
2. Page 5, Line 129: After "parent" insert "or blood relative"
3. Page 5, Line 129: After line 129 insert:
"(d) For purposes of this Subsection (5), "blood relative" means a child's grandparent, aunt, or uncle."
4. Page 6, Line 165: Delete "either"
5. Page 6, Line 166: Delete "or"
6. Page 6, Line 166: After line 166 insert:
"(ii) a blood relative; or"
7. Page 6, Line 167: Delete "(ii)" and insert "(iii)"
8. Page 6, Line 169: After "state" insert ", unless that person is a blood relative", and after "of this" delete "Subsection (3)(b)" and insert "section"

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9. Page 6, Line 171: After "person" insert ", and 'blood relative' means a child's grandparent, aunt, or uncle"
10. Page 6, Line 171: After line 171 insert:
"(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (3), a court may grant an adoption to a person or persons who are cohabiting, if the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the person or persons have established a significant parental relationship with the child, and that the adoption is in the best interest of the child."
11. Page 7, Line 189: After "finds that" insert ", except with regard to a blood relative."
12. Page 7, Line 192: Before "Except" create a new paragraph and insert "(b)"
13. Page 7, Line 195: Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"

Respectfully,

Terry Spencer
Committee Chair

Voting: 5-0-1

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