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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 6 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 201.005, Family Code, is amended by
5 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) A party may file a written objection to an associate
7 judge hearing any proceeding in a child protection case. If an
8 objection is filed, the referring court shall hear all remaining
9 proceedings in the suit, including a full adversary hearing, status
10 hearing, permanency hearing, or trial on the merits.

11 SECTION _____. Section 264.009, Family Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

13 (g) A person who is a party to an action under this code may
14 file a written objection to the representation of the department in
15 the action by an attorney described by Subsection (d) or (e). If an
16 objection is filed, the department shall be represented in the
17 action as provided under Subsection (a), (b), or (f), as
18 appropriate.