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SENATOR SAVAGE: Announce the vote. The bill is advanced. The next bill is 687, LB 687.

CLERK: Read title to LB 687. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The only thing that this bill does is transfer the Ombudsman from the Penal Complex, which is under the direction of the Penal Complex now, to the Ombudsman of the state so he will not be responsible to the administration of the Penal Complex.

There was no objection to this bill. It's something that should have been done quite awhile ago. Certainly, I would move for its advancement to E & R.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Clark. It's a good bill. It certainly is a needed bill. It provides a very valuable asset to the present Ombudsman, Mr. Murrell McNeil. I believe the bill should be advanced and passed into law.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. Certainly, the course and direction set by Mr. McNeil would make this a very logical thing to do. I support it wholeheartedly.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any further discussion? Do you wish to close, Senator Clark? The question is shall LB 687 advance to E & R. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, 20 not voting.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill is advanced. The next bill would be 687A. Senator Clark.

CLERK: Read title to LB 687A.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members. This is really a backup bill. The Crime Commission is going to pick this money up, but if anything would happen they wouldn't pick it up the money is here. It's only \$17,000 for this position. Of course, it would be reduced from the Penal Complex anyway so there's really no money involved. We're really saving \$17,000. Being on the Appropriations Committee I did not want to be accused of having an "A" bill and then not putting it in, even though it's under \$50,000. I would move for the advancement of the bill.