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LB 659, 659A, 667A

would represent anybody who is going to be eligible for a DNA test under this bill. If there is a conflict, then the judge would appoint either a public defender or a private attorney, but since we already have that Office of Advocacy in existence and any money that is appropriated to carry out this bill is going to have to have a home, it was determined that it would be best to have an already existing agency that does this type of work. It would also deal with the aspect of the bill as I touched on which requires the appointment of counsel for an indigent defendant. Probably by the time this bill is voted on there will be much more clarification of precisely how the bill is going to work, the funding, and I will be able to answer any questions you will have about the testing, who in the state of Nebraska is able to do that testing, and that is about as much as I need to say on the A bill, because we routinely advance them. What I had thought about doing this morning was go into a detailed discussion of LB 659, the underlying bill, but since this is only the A bill I won't do that. However, if you have any questions that you would like me to answer at this point I will do so; if not, I will ask you to vote in favor of advancing LB 659A to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening. Debate on the bill? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 659A. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 659A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. LB 667A.

CLERK: LB 667A by Senator Schrock. (Read title.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on LB 667A.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 667A is part of an amendment brought to us by Senator Baker and, Senator Baker, I would give you some of my time to refresh