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district and the court judges and the county judges, I should say. This power would better be exercised by the Nebraska Probation Systems Committee to provide some uniformity over the state and prevent any possibility of conflict between the judges. I move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Koch, your light is on. Do you wish to speak to the amendment? We are now ready and will vote on the committee amendments for 536. Senator Marsh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting aye.

SENATOR MARSH: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: The amendments are adopted. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Madam Chairman, to go on with the bill itself, LB 536 is a followup bill to LB 625 introduced last year which set up the Nebraska Probation Systems Committee. Pursuant to the bill of last year the Probations Systems Committee has been organized and has met regularly since July. The committee, however, at this point is largely an advisory committee. The old language was not amended to take away the power vested in the District Court Judges Association so what we have is the authority for administering the probation system, fragmented at this time between the District Judges Association, the Probation Systems Committee, the administrators and the district judges of each district. This bill would, in the first section, eliminate the authority of the county judges to appoint their own probation officers which in accord with LB 625 of last year. It also substitutes the Nebraska Probation Systems Committee for the District Judges Association in all functions where it has administrative powers. This bill is designed to make the Nebraska Probation System effective and workable and it would carry out the original intent of 625. The County Judges Association, the District Judges Association, the Probation Systems Committee and the State Probation Administrator all support this legislation. No one appeared in opposition to LB 536. I move for the advancement of LB 536 to E & R initial.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. Will you please vote on the advancement of LB 536. Have you all voted? Senator Marsh voting aye.