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I offer it, if I understand it correctly, is that such programs can apparently be established by the county attorney, I believe. I would assume any such program would have some cost associated with it. It seems to me that since the county board has the responsibility of providing the budget they should have the opportunity to review the establishment of any new program just as I would strenuously object to giving any agency of state government the authority to create any new program and then come back and tell the Legislature, now we have got it, you have got to fund it. And I think that we went through this, as I recall, on some probation once upon a time where the courts, it is true, could establish all kinds of probation officers over which the county board then had no opportunity to review that budgetary impact and I think that they should have that opportunity. I would move the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Warner amendment to the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: I would move for the adoption of the amendment as amended, the committee amendments as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the committee amendments as amended. All those in favor, and that is 573, all those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amended committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 573 is the outgrowth of a resolution that this committee handled during the 1978 interim, LR 233. This statewide interim study conducted by the Judiciary Committee and its staff spent considerable time in looking at the ideals of pretrial diversion. Five interim hearings were held throughout the state from Scottsbluff to Omaha. Various members of