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LB 600, 790

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, if there is a simple bill, I am sure this is it and there is no A bill with it so maybe, Senator Keyes, you can support this one. Part of it is, of course, just changing the language from his or her and the other is to, as I understand it, from our county attorney and that is where it came from and the county attorney's group of the state, it expedites the procedure in determining the action that will be taken if a person that is picked up for a crime of some kind and there is no opposition to it. I have not heard any so I move that we advance LB 600.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Any further discussion on LB 600? Senator Kahle, no one wants to discuss it so you are opening as you are closing, I guess, so the motion is the advance of LB 600. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries and LB 600 is advanced to E & R initial. The next bill on consent calendar is LB 790.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 790 was introduced by the LR 154 Study Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 16 of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you want to handle this, LB 790? This is a LR 154 Committee bill.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is this the county attorney's bill?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think this came out of committee basically unanimously as I recall. Didn't it? The county attorneys for years, the controversy in this state has been over whether we should have special prosecutor systems and more district attorneys and so on and so forth. I don't believe that is about to happen. I don't believe the state can afford it but as long as we are going to have county attorneys and they are vested with the responsibility of defending the counties and the public officials and prosecuting, we had better make sure that we have got some qualified people so we are starting to put in some requirements. They have got to have some continuing education if they are going to be county attorneys and it is going to be mandatory.