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LB 171

SENATOR WARNER: It's your position then that because LB 13 did not fund that position if I remember correctly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, it did not.

SENATOR WARNER: But it's your position that we would have funded it July 1, 1985, even though Pat Mullen had not been appointed?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, it's not my position that we would have funded it. It is my position that we need LB 171 by July 1, whether Pat Mullen was appointed district court judge or not.

SENATOR WARNER: It's your position we should fund that position regardless?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: But the reason for doing it then is not because it happened to be appointed, the reason is because it is right to fund the position with state funds?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The reason philosophically and from my point of view is that it should be funded out of state funds, but that's in the sense that juvenile cases in county courts outstate are handled of course through state funds.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it is also my position that because of the changes we made in the law last year that as of July 1 they will neither have the power to appoint nor to retain an associate judge and, therefore, we need 171 in order to fill that position come July 1.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please. Then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as I did previously on the juvenile court judge, I feel very strongly about this bill. I mentioned some statistics last time and I'm not going to repeat them now, but I think it's necessary that in 1984 that the Douglas County held 5,012 hearings with two judges and an associate judge. Neglect and dependency hearings take a full day and sometimes two or three days depending on the