

cooperation. If there are members off the floor, perhaps we could have your attention to the matters on the floor. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

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

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Eret, do you want to move your bill?

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB709 came about primarily because of an audit that was done by the Touche Ross agency that does audits of the state agencies. The wording pertaining to the Youth Development Center at Geneva is such that it allowed that audit agency...audit company to intercede with the recommendation of the combination of Geneva's center with the Kearney center. However, as was brought out in our hearings, that sort of a recommendation didn't take into consideration the human element of actually commingling girls with the boys. As the judges, that appeared at the hearing, explained that would lead to many problems, that it would be hard to predict what liabilities that the state would assume under that sort of a combination. So this bill takes the Section 83-487 and tightens it up and states the Geneva center shall continue as the only state operated school for the detention, education and reformation of the female juvenile delinquents. With that, Mr. President, I would move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Eret. Senator Warner, do you wish to make a statement on LB 709?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm somewhat hesitant to speak, but again it occurs to me that we may set a precedent. I appreciate the reason why the bill was introduced and the current budget funds...Geneva, where the current operation at Geneva remains. But it would be my anticipation that you are going to see a variety of changes in state government in the next two, three years, brought about by economic pressures, reduced revenue, and some things are going to have to be