

the institution was needed and was doing a lot of good for the young people of our state, not only to the girls that were there, but even the youngsters who were evaluated at that particular institution by pretty near every court system across the state. I know that this is not in the bill. It is something that is worked out between the department and the court system to be able to use that facility. But they do have the personnel to handle it, and I'm sure that this is going to continue on. So when you talk about 600,000 that it costs, much of that cost is going to evaluation of their children. Now those children stay there about 30 days and then they are released. But they at least are able to find out what is causing them to do the things they are doing, and occasionally they find that some of them are addicted to drugs, some of them are already alcoholics, and they then send them on the road to recovery. I think that is excellent. Now this is the only place in the state where they can do these kind of things. I feel that is why I really support this particular institution. Not only that, to me it is ridiculous to put some young girls with some young boys. You're really going to get into trouble when you do this. I feel that the department was in error to do this and we need to keep the institution operating. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: (Response inaudible.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, are you...oh, here we are. We are involved in a discussion on LB 709. Motion is to advance the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to speak briefly in favor of the advancement of the bill. It is a difficult question. It is a difficult situation altogether. By way of history, the Judiciary Committee, when I was still Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, just at the end of my particular chairmanship, we went down to Geneva and we held a hearing down there on the institution and tried to get the feelings of the community. As you might anticipate the community was strongly in support of the institution. But I think there was a special flavor to the support down there. They are really involved in the institution. The institution appears to do an excellent job. That is not alone, of course, reason for