

bill on your own time.

PRESIDENT: You have a minute left, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I didn't get much out of that minute but I will let it set for now, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Do you want another minute, Senator Haberman? Okay, Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I guess I rise to support the amendment. We have, basically, about three issues here and I think it is important that we understand that there are at least two issues and probably a third. The central issue, of course, to start with is whether these particular positions as envisioned by LB 13 insofar as the muni court takeover and the probation system takeover by the state were, in fact, these eight positions were, in fact, part of the probation system, as a matter of fact were, in fact, necessary to probation work which is what the bill says. And, obviously, there has been a difference in interpretation, as Senator Beutler pointed out, between the Appropriations Committee and, by the way, the Legislature as a whole because we did ultimately adopt this situation, adopt this policy as a Legislature, and between the...and the probations systems committee, that is one issue, whether or not these particular service workers were to be part of LB 13. That is the one issue. Number two, having made the decision, regardless of whether you agree with the first issue, having made the decision that they were not funded in LB 13, then the next question and the issue is, should they be funded? After we decided not to fund them and after repeated efforts to inform them that they were not funded early on, as far ago, long ago as a year or close to a year ago, should they be funded now, in violation, in my estimation, of the Legislature's intentions, and number three then, the issue that we are going to actually be voting upon is, are the services needed and are they good services? The first issue, the idea of whether it was part of LB 13 or not really, in my estimation, is no longer an issue. The major issues then boil down to should we continue to fund these people for the rest of this fiscal year or not and should we allow the violation of legislative intention or not. In order to answer that question in my own mind, I have to look to the services being provided, and ultimately I am going to come