

amendment does is places the administrative responsibility for probation directly under the Supreme Court. This is a...and the end result will be that the separate budgets that are now shown in the district courts, which includes probation, as well as the Supreme Court, will become a single budget agency with programs within it as opposed to separate agencies so there still will be separate accounting and in a sense separate budgets but the probation itself, that portion would be under the responsibility of the Supreme Court. This amendment does retain the advisory committee for the probation area, advisory committee composed of representative district judges, probation officers. It retains them but it sunsets them in two years. The original amendment I had did not provide for that and it is done in this fashion so that if in the operation internally they arrive at some other alternative for that advisory situation, they can, but it retains it at least for two years. There was amendments to retain it permanently, one was to do it in this fashion which retains it for two years and then sunsets them and another proposal was to eliminate the statutory provision for an advisory committee in its entirety. It seems to me, from what I know, this is reasonably acceptable, but what I do know is that it was a better handle on expenditures and be able to track those and that I think is the most important. And, again, while I say it grew out of the problem on the probation, it was not a new issue. It is one we have discussed many times as to the possibility of merging those two budgets and run them as separate programs rather than separate agencies.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please, then Senator Hoagland. Senator Haberman, did you wish to speak about this?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, a question of Senator Warner.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Warner, is there a fiscal...how many fiscal notes do you have on this bill? Do you know? I can't seem to locate...

SENATOR WARNER: I don't think...until...I am not aware