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LB 600

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Hoagland, would you please yield to a couple of questions?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like to ask you to listen to this, members of the body, this is a complete rewrite of LB 600. Senator Hoagland says Section 2 clarifies that counties will supply the courtroom facilities and equipment. However, Section 3 says, "Offices, support staff, equipment, furnishings and supplies shall be provided for in the budget of the county or counties." It takes out the word "district court or districts". So my question, Senator Hoagland, is this, does this put the cost upon the county and counties or does it leave it as it was in the original bill on the judicial district or districts?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It doesn't make a policy change, Senator Haberman. When LB 7 was passed, it was our intent...

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, wait a minute, it says...now wait a minute, Senator Hoagland, it says, "Offices, support staff, equipment, furnishings and supplies shall be provided for in the budget of the clerk of the district court." You struck "clerk of the district courts". You have also struck on page 4 "judicial district or districts". And it says it "shall be provided for in the budget of the district court of the county or counties". So who is going to pay for it?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It will still be paid for at the county level.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Was it paid for at the county level before you struck the language...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...in the other LB 600?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes. It is clarifying language. The policy decision is the same, that is the courtroom equipment is going to be paid for at the county level.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But this says, "support staff" as well. Now what does support staff mean?