

CLERK: Legislative Bill 58 (read). There are committee amendments, Mr. President, (read).

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendments. Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, the committee amendments merely insert "or girl" because the reference in L.B. 58 is to boys and girls as juvenile offenders and this is making consistent throughout the bill the fact that it is boy or girl.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the amendment. Question is shall the amendment be adopted. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. It is so ordered, the amendment is adopted. Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that L.B. 58 be advanced to E&R for review. Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, L.B. 58 is another one of the judiciary committee interim study bills. I might also add that this particular series that we are discussing right now, 57, 58 and 59, came as a result of a resolution passed by this Legislature mandating the judiciary committee as a study committee as the advisory committee on justice to study the juvenile delinquency matters, juvenile offender laws and youth service matters and that, this is the result of our study. This particular one is to study minimum age for commitment to either Kearney or Geneva, those institutions referred to as youth development centers. As, present state of the law, there is no minimal age and a separate juvenile court judge or a county district judge having jurisdiction over juvenile matters, could sentence a child of 7, 8, 9 years of age, whatever it is, to one of the youth development centers notwithstanding their age. Most jurisdictions in the country are now developing some minimal age below and under which they cannot be sentenced to such an institution unless and we have the unless or the proviso in here that unless such a delinquent child has violated the terms of probation or has committed a second offense, so there is an escape hatch for taking care of that type of a situation but it's basically a minimal age for sending to the, sending children, boys or girls, to these institutions.

SPEAKER: We have before us and discussing L.B. 58 as amended. Senator Nore, then Senator Whitney.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Luedtke a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Luedtke, will you yield.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes.

SENATOR NORE: With these particular pieces of legislation, this will probably expedite the establishment of diagnostic centers so instead of sending these children to Kearney to become sophisticated in crime, we will probably send them to a diagnostic center where they can be rehabilitated and I was just visiting with Senator Carstens and we, I sat with the committee, interim study committee and these things were all recommended at that time, I guess it wasn't the time, but they are all coming to the surface now and everything that Senator Carstens tried to do when he was on that committee and did not get them done, now he is having the satisfaction of seeing them done.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Senator Nore, you're asking me if it's time has come and I'd say yes, it's time has come and we are trying to implement this and you are anticipating, of course, the subsequent legislation which hopefully will come before, on the floor regarding correctional modernization, one of which is this type of a diagnostic evaluation center for juveniles and that is part of the recommendation as you recall, that we discussed when we were briefing the Legislature on correctional, proposed correctional reform and it does fit right into the