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SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President, I move that the committee amendments to 871 be adopted and I will turn the discussion over to Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the Board, this is on the committee amendments? Okay, the committee amendments are a result of a conference in Senator Burbach's office between the Indian alcoholism group and the Sheriffs of Thurston and Knox County and the, what we did, what the whole purpose of the bill is to separate the Sheriffs in Thurston and Knox County from the Indian Alcoholism Programs and what the committee amendment did was to straighten out the language so that there was agreement among all parties concerned after we had a conference in Senator Burbach's office with Senator Burbach, Senator George, former Senator Blair, Richendifer and myself where we got all parties concerned to agree to the form of the amendment. What it boils down to is the Sheriff will handle the Sheriff's duties in the two counties, the Indian Commission will handle the Indian alcoholism programs on a contract basis with nonprofit organizations. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SEN. MILLS: Is there any other discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed say... Oh. All those in favor signify by voting green.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 4 nays.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Now Mr. President, I move the bill, that we advance the bill as amended. The committee amendment, when I explained those I explained the bill.

SEN. MILLS: Is there any other discussion? Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I think the legislature should be aware of the fact that they now are authorizing funds for any nonprofit group for the purposes of alcoholism treatment programs across the state so we are opening up the applications far beyond that of the Indian reservations itself. That's the reason why I oppose this bill.

SEN. MILLS: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislature, maybe I wasn't listening very well, Senator Goodrich, but I really don't know what this is all about. How much money are we spending? Who's going to do it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, now the bill itself provides, let me start it different. Right now we provide funds to the Indian Commission for alcohol and drug treatment programs. There is a contention in both Thurston and Knox County that the Sheriffs in those counties use those funds to run a drunk tank for Indians. That isn't very much of an alcohol treatment program. So what we are doing is we are separating out the Sheriff duties in both Thurston and Knox County where they have