

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator Warner. 537, it is.

CLERK: LB 537. Read title. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 537 be advanced to E & R Initial. This is the intent bill that accompanies LB 531. Some of this language was contained in the appropriation bill as well as in the intent bill. The reason, of course, for including them in both, in some instances, the limitation does affect the expenditure of funds or language, rather, affects the expenditure of funds and the other purpose of the intent bill is to give direction and to try to insure no conflict with the constitutional problem with language, of course, in the appropriation bill. Some of these specific directions are included in this one. Again, to briefly discuss the bill, section 1 merely points out the concept for the intent legislation. Section 2 is the same language that was included in the appropriation bill for the Supreme Court, pointing out that the appropriation or use of federal funds for certain purposes was not approved. Section 3 deals with the district courts, and particularly, the statewide probation office directing that the probation offices shall work with the Department of Corrections in efforts to develop and implement the community treatment programs. It also will direct the probation administrator in their field services activity to again develop and implement community treatment programs, and it also requires that a study would be completed by the probation officers, for both the chief probation officers and the deputy probation officers in a salary schedule, salary study, to bring back to the next session of the Legislature to insure that these positions are being funded comparable to other areas. This is one of the things that has been discussed for some time. Also included in this would be a reflection of the resolution which was introduced, I believe it is LR 56, which affects the whole probation system. So that would be a part of this as well. Section 4 directs the same toward the Board of Parole and the Corrections Department to work together in community treatment programs. Section 5 then is the same language that we have had in all of the appropriation bills calling the agencies attention to the requirement of the legislation enacted two years ago, LB 442, when certain federal grants are requested and it contains the same language, as I have indicated before, that these federal funds as they are picked up are not to be put into next year's continuation budget together with requiring the whole process of approval by the Governor as well as keeping the Legislature abreast or informed on these requests as they are made. Section 6, then, deals with the salary policy, the same wording as is included in LB 531. Section 8, of course then, is the emergency clause, and section 7, it should be pointed out, repeals the act, July 1, 1978 as the duration for these directions are only relative to this year's appropriation bill, LB 531.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I am sorry. I guess I had my questions on another bill. I was discussing an amendment so I would withdraw it.