

important features of this particular bill, and I think these are particularly important features and if we have to debate the DeCamp-Nichol substitute for our bill, why we will talk about these features in greater length, and the first feature is that in this particular version, the version that the four of us are sponsoring, why we are extending the court jurisdiction over previously acquitted persons like Mrs. Alvarez, Mr. Simants and Mr. Cribbs, in order to bring them into this new system even though they have previously been committed and are currently under the supervision of the mental health commitment boards. We have a specific section that would extend court jurisdiction over those persons for the rest of their commitment and we think it is important to take this step and to bring Simants and Cribbs and Mrs. Alvarez and others who have been similarly committed, following an acquittal of a criminal offense, back under the court jurisdiction and take them away from the jurisdiction of the mental health commitment boards. We think that is a very important feature of this attempt, a very important feature of this act and we believe that that is constitutional as well if the courts afford each of these persons all of their due process rights and we think with our new Section 6, the courts will do that. Now, finally, there is another provision in our act which we think is important and Senator Cullan may speak to this particular provision later and that is to provide specific guidelines indicating exactly what part of the psychiatric reports and the probation reports and the other materials that are accumulated as a person goes through the system are public and subject to public copying and public inspection and which parts are not. We think it is important in this act to set out carefully those distinctions so the public and the press will know what they have access to and will know what they do not have access to. So, basically that explains what we are attempting to do with these amendments. Generally it is an attempt to improve upon the bill as we passed it on General File. It adds several provisions that we think are important, some in response to the Attorney General's opinion, others which are stylistic and to a lesser extent, substantive. So with that, I would ask that we adopt these amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Hoagland has already explained the amendments very well and I don't think there is a need for any extensive comment. I would like to make it clear for the record what the purpose of the public access amendment Senator Hoagland had mentioned earlier deal with and one of the reasons we believe it is very important that these public access amendments remain in LB 213. What those amendments do would make