

in LB 346. For the most part the bill consists of technical changes by various juvenile justice advisory groups. The bill adds guidelines for guardian ad litem. These guidelines are included to provide a legislative statement as to just what these individuals should be doing when they are appointed by a court to represent the interest of juveniles. The bill also prohibits the imposition of jail time as the disposition of juvenile court. LB 346 contained a section similar to this which was removed from the bill on the floor last year and at the conclusion of its work this interim, the Judiciary Committee decided that this prohibition should be included in LB 787 for the consideration once again by the Legislature. I want to point out there is just one thing so that everybody understands it, this would only prohibit the imposition of a jail sentence as a disposition of the juvenile court. It does not prohibit the jailing of a juvenile for security reasons prior to an adjudication nor does it prohibit the imposition of a jail sentence when a juvenile is charged as an adult and tried for a felony or sixteen or seventeen years old tried as an adult for a misdemeanor. What it does prohibit is the use of jail time as a sentence when a juvenile is processed through the juvenile courts. As I stated earlier this recodification has spanned three years. This is not something which has been hastily slapped together for your consideration. There has been a lot of time, effort and thought which has gone into this and when we're finally done it is going to result in a juvenile code which is better structured than the present code and the first time in a long time a code which is readable, not only to the lay people but to the judges and attorneys who have to work with it. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I do not want to hold up the bill at this time. I have an amendment for this bill which is similar to the one which I offered on LB 346. I will print it in the Journal and hope to have it on Select File.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further debate on the bill? Senator Nichol, do you have any further closing? All right, the question before the House is the advancement of 787. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.