

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. And the Chair observes that Senator Lynch might be violating the decorum of the Chamber. Would you like to remove that earring, Senator Lynch? (Laughter.) Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend. Senator, this is AM1831.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment grew out of concerns that were brought to us relatively recently by the City of Omaha and also relates to the concerns that Senator Chambers and others have raised about the entire problem that we face with prison populations. What we're proposing to do here is to strike the original Section 21 of the bill which contains right at the moment \$171,000 for planning a housing addition to the Lincoln Correctional Center and instead add two new sections. The new Section 21 would add \$50,000 of General Funds to our Legislative Council to conduct a study of prison populations and alternatives to the present overcrowded conditions. Those would be expended in accordance with provisions of a subsequent study introduced...resolution which will yet be introduced this session. Some of you have seen that. It is only in a rough draft form. If you have suggestions and want to take a look at what we're contemplating right now, there would be ample time to do that before we actually discuss that study resolution. So the proposed study resolution would expand the scope of the study that was proposed earlier to review potential causes of rising populations and to consider alternatives to incarceration. Again, we're going to want to look not only at the adult population which was discussed earlier but we're also going to want to look at that juvenile population as a result of almost a parallel request for expanding beds at Kearney. Rather than do that, we're saying that we think we just...we cannot make that decision at this time and we do need to take a total look at this whole situation. So, at this point as I mentioned, the study is in a rough draft form. We would direct the Executive Board to appoint the committee, perhaps two members from Judiciary, two from Appropriations and perhaps two other interested senators. None of this is in stone, I want to emphasize. And some money