

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: No, I'd just close and thank again the senators for their support, and hope we can have this appropriation so we can do a good job on this study.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Wesely amendment to LB 1031. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Warner. Senator, I have your AM3102 in front of me. (AM3102 appears on page 1563 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal, would you handle the amendment, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendment is one of three that the committee has looked at and adopted subsequent to the one package you had earlier. And it's kind of an unfortunate situation, but it does...we do feel it is necessary, and I will urge you to adopt this amendment. Basically, what the amendment does is deals with the Department of Public Institutions, and it is asking for increased General Funds in this current year of \$255,000, and in the next year is \$860,000, so it's over a million dollars worth of increased funds in the biennium. The reason why the need has occurred is for the purpose of dealing with a situation that we have right now with the mentally disordered sexual offenders and their current incarceration and treatment provisions. It seems that we have a relatively large group of convicted mentally disordered sex offenders that are in incarceration, presently awaiting treatment. And this has been kind of an ongoing situation, because the treatment is at capacity, and has been for some period of time. So, we have had a situation where these offenders have pleaded guilty to the crime for a variety of reasons, but one of which evidently has been in return for treatment, and in return for treatment in place of incarceration. And so this has been a pleaded case or