

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed with discussion on the bill as amended. Senator Warner, did you wish to discuss the advancement of LB 355? Senator Warner, did you wish to discuss the advancement of LB 355?

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had a, I guess, a question for Senator Ashford, or perhaps Senator Schellpeper. Senator Moore had some questions that I had to step out, so I don't know for sure. I may be doing some duplication. But my questions are relative to the automatic check that is established after January 1, '95, and it's more of a case of understanding what the intent, I guess, of the language is. As I recall, and maybe Senator Moore could listen, because I may not be recalling correctly. But as I recall, as money was being appropriated for the automatic...automation system, particularly on fingerprints, that it was something like a 5 million total cost, I'm not sure the amount now, which obviously we are going to do. But it seems to me that that system was only usable within the state. And that there was going to be another package of software, I suppose, that would be available, but you couldn't buy at this time, but was necessary in order to be able to make that a nationwide check. And that was going to require another additional appropriation at some point to acquire that, in fact wasn't even available. In fact, by design, it was my impression, it simply wasn't available to all 50 states that bought a system, and then in order to access other states you had to buy another system. My question is on the 85 percent. Does 85 percent refer to arrest, conviction files available mean in the state, or does that mean nationwide? Because obviously if I understand nationwide...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WARNER: ...is significantly different than 85 percent within the state.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Okay, I think the answer to the question is that with the AFIS system, I hope I answer this correctly, with the...as I understand it, with the AFIS system, once we appropriate the money to...after the study is completed, should we appropriate the study money, and should it go in this year, and the study is completed and the bids are let and the system is on-line, that will help because the criminalistic records,