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program. And all this amendment does, it doesn't say anything about aftercare. Aftercare is essential. There should be a transition period. I think it should be structured differently. If you're going to structure it the way it's structured in this bill then, at the least, you should put some people on record that these people that are being released under conditions of public safety that are...that we know from experience are hard to control, whatever conditions you put on it, we should at least have our best professional people and the judge say, in their combined opinion, they are not a danger to society. And that's all this amendment does. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We'll now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 523. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a record vote, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a request for a record vote. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 548-49 of the Legislative Journal.) 7 ayes, 13 nays, Madam President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is not adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend. (The Beutler amendment, AM2533, appears on page 549 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I am not harassing the bill. The main philosophic question you have answered. There are a couple of small things though that I think should be dealt with differently and I would like to bring at least one of them to your attention, if you are still willing to listen on this particular bill. In order to get into the treatment program, that decision is made by the Department of Public Institutions and if they decide negatively that you cannot get into this program, then it can be reviewed by the court, and the court can say, despite the recommendation of the Department of Public Institutions, yes, you get into the