

court to test, if that's what happens to find out whether that bill is, if 507 is valid, by the way, the Tennessee also has a null and void clause just like ours. It's not different, but if that's what it takes...

SENATOR HALL PRESIDING

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...fine, because if that bill is upheld then we will have done a great service for those who are concerned about crime, that if you're going to be tough, then we're also going to make sure the resources are there to follow through and that that is exactly how it ought to be and I would urge that you not bracket the bill, but proceed to read it and vote in the affirmative today.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Abboud, your light is next.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President, members, this debate on LB 371 brings up some really bad memories for me. I always disliked LB 507 and I was involved extensively on the floor in debating the issue. And my opposition with it varies slightly from what has been talked about here and that is my concern dealt with the implementation of the bill. I didn't focus in on the constitutionality of it, whether or not the issue of the Legislature could limit itself in this manner. My concern was how was this going to work? How was the Legislature going to provide estimates in determining criminal acts into the future? And I asked numerous questions and debated this issue with Senator Warner, Senator Moore who was at that time Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and we talked about these issues and I did not once feel that Senator Warner was not very sincere in his belief as to why this bill was needed. But I was just as sincere in my belief that this bill was bad public policy for the Legislature to tie their hands in this manner and also it I felt was vague enough where it could cause us problems if someone wanted to rule a bill null and void. And my specific concerns as I looked through the floor debate and relived the memories of the debate was that we are very harsh to ourselves in that we provide that if we do not have these estimates that the legislation is null and void and I view that as a very harsh penalty that the Legislature was seeking to impose on itself. I still do. I still feel it's bad public policy, I still feel