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opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Committee amendments are adopted. Debate on the bill. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, Senator Brashear, if I could?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear, would you respond?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Great bill, as far as I'm concerned. I was just interested in the fiscal aspect of the bill. The fiscal note says that the cost is indeterminable, I assume because a judge or a court system may choose to use it or not to use it. But if they chose to use it, can the Appropriations Committee expect them to be coming forward with requests for audiovideo equipment and that sort of thing? And do you have any idea of what we might be talking about there in terms of potential costs? And the other side of the question is, hopefully, we'd be saving some personnel costs someplace. Would those be officers of the court or police personnel that would...where you'd be saving the labor? How would that all work, kind of just vaguely and roughly in your mind, in terms of the fiscal...the fiscal impact ultimately? I mean, I don't...obviously, the fiscal statement is not right if it's going to be used.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Beutler, first of all, thank you. I'm glad you like the bill because you may not after the answer. And being candid, it will be very rough. I can't tell you what's going to happen. I have got to believe, given the evidence before the committee at hearing, in terms of how complicated this is and how many security personnel it takes and how it lasts all day, and the number of guards that need to be present because occasionally these people will en...have some altercation among them while they are bound, and these kinds of things, I cannot help but believe that we are going to save the money, to be able to afford the equipment. But I suppose there