

time. I do not believe that's good public policy. And this amendment...I know there's other amendments. I'll listen for some of the debate on some of the other amendments, but, at the present time, I cannot support this bill and I may have amendments to do something with this, but I see there's others filed. I'll let some of the discussion occur. But I would rise to object to 779 as it is currently written. With that, Mr. Speaker, my amendment just struck one of the sentences, and I think it would be solely...if we discussed that it would be solely for the purposes of discussing the bill. I'd rather get to amendments that have some substance and with that I would ask to pull my amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Madam President, the first amendment, or the next amendment, I should say, to the bill is by Senator Hudkins. Senator, AM1515. (Hudkins amendment appears on pages 1667-68 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Madam President and members of the body, I am on the Judiciary Committee and we did vote to advance this bill out of committee. Upon further looking at it, I do see some problems, among them the one that Senator Kristensen referred to in the letter from Fred Zwonechek. The amounts that we could stand to lose from this are quite considerable. One amount under Program 408 is 558,000 plus per year for three years. Another amount of funds that we could stand to lose is in Program 410 and that is approximately \$610,000, so we really need to look at 779. I have also put in some amendments. I guess, if it's a case of making a bad bill better, that's what I'm trying to do. The first amendment that I would like to discuss is 1515 and I'm sorry I did not have these printed in the Journal. I'm afraid I killed a couple of trees getting these all passed out to you. AM1515 has to do with the timeliness of a speedy trial. If you are diverted to a pretrial program, the time continues to run and I am against that. I would think that if you are put into a pretrial diversion, the time should stop counting because you could drop out of a program six months and one day later and then the charges can no longer be filed. So I would like to have my first amendment be 1515 that would stop the time counting.