

April 13, 1994      LB 677

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    LB 677E is returned to Select File.    Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Madam President, in view of the discussion, I am just going to move that we adopt the amendment, but if there remain questions, I'm prepared to answer them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Any discussion on the amendment?    Seeing none, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close?    Closing is waived.    The question before you is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 677E.    All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.    Please record.

CLERK:    28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to adopt the Select File amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    The Chambers amendment is adopted.    Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE:    Madam President, I move LB 677E be advanced to E & R for engrossment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Any discussion?    Hearing none, all those in favor say aye.    All those opposed nay.    LB 677E advances.

CLERK:    Madam President, Senator Pedersen would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.    (See AM4585 found on page 1998 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK:    Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN:    Madam President, members of the Legislature, under statute 28-416, it is a state law that those people who are incarcerated in State Corrections for a drug-related crime, that they receive treatment for substance abuse before they are eligible for parole.    However, in some of the segregated populations, what I mean by segregated populations, such as protective custody in the state prison, they have not had enough money to put programs in there.    So we have people, in the case of protective custody alone, they had 39 offenders who signed a petition, which makes up about 51 percent of all of the protective custody, who need treatment and can't get it because the prison is not able to furnish it for them.    My amendment does nothing more than say that the Parole Board can waive this