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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers, you had an amendment, Senator. On page 509 of the Journal.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let us...

PRESIDENT: Page 509.

CLERK: I'm sorry, it was an amendment that was filed last year, Senator, so I don't know if you...

SENATOR REMMERS: Well, I will withdraw that.

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, about three years ago the pharmacists came to me with some concerns about our laws on drug abuse and they wanted some tough legislation. Well, I introduced some tough legislation that didn't get very far. I came back two years ago and modified it a little. Came back last year and modified it some more and the Judiciary Committee modified it again and I think right now we have a bill that certainly shouldn't cause anybody any problems. It does not change any classification, any crime or criminal code classifications. It simply says that an individual who is convicted of any offense involving controlled substances may only be eligible for parole consideration upon the successful completion of a drug rehabilitation program. That's all it does is give him a treatment before you release him. Thank you. I would move to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the bill? If not, the motion is to advance LB 504 from General File to Enrollment and Review for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.