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other bill. That is all right with me.

SENATOR WESELY: That is fine. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak. Is Senator Dworak in the room? He had his light on. The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of the bill. We are voting on the advancement of LB 249. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. Next we turn to 315.

CLERK: (Read title to LB 315.) The bill was first read on January 16. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by Senator Nichol's Judiciary Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to adopt the committee amendments?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Landis is actually the jail specialist and he can handle the amendments also.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments first?

SENATOR LANDIS: Just for a brief explanation, Mr. Speaker. There are two amendments to the bill and they are found in your book. The first amendment to page two, authorizes the administrator of the halfway house to deny the privilege to leave the halfway house when there has been a discipline problem and the like. This is an extension to the corrections officer of the same kind of authority that sheriffs and chiefs of police now have with respect to city jails. The second amendment appears on a separate sheet and you will notice that it says people who are sentenced to city or to county jails may be released to such a halfway house as authorized by the bill. The reason for this is because Lancaster County and our county commissioners would like authority to allow prisoners that are being held in county jails to utilize the city halfway house if possible as part of their sentencing strategy. These pieces of language come from the City of Lincoln. They have the approval of the county board and they present no problem but simply further the intent of the bill.