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regarding how this bill should operate. These amendments would modify the committee amendments in the following particulars: First, the mentally disordered sex offender act would be mandatory for all felony sex offenders. Process through the act for misdemeanor offenders would be discretionary with the court. This will ensure that while the most serious sex offenders are brought through the mentally disordered sex offender act, the court would retain the latitude for bringing the less serious offenders but those who repeat their less serious offenses through the provisions of the bill. Secondly, through these amendments the offenders would be sentenced on the underlying criminal charge prior to being committed to treatment. As you may recall, the committee amendments would sentence treatable offenders directly to treatment at one of the regional centers. In order to accommodate this change, these amendments made clear that law governing parole and good time do not apply to sex offenders while they are undergoing treatment. This is consistent with the previous Attorney General's opinions and can be done under the laws of Nebraska. Thirdly, language has been added which ensures right to appeal from a determination that an offender is a mentally disordered sex offender. This change is consistent with the recent Supreme Court rulings. Fourth, the amendments more clearly spell out what is expected in district courts when they receive evaluations for sex offenders. Fifth, these amendments give direction to the courts in dealing with those previously committed under the sexual sociopath law. The amendments advise the court to review such cases pursuant to the new law. Once again these amendments are generally procedural in nature and the more substantive portions of the bill have been left intact. The amendments are meant to give the courts more direction in dealing with past and present sexual offenders along the guidelines spelled out in the committee amendments. Senator Hoagland would perhaps like to speak some on these amendments. If you have any questions, feel free to ask them of Senator Hoagland or me afterward. I move for the adoption of these amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak on this amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I would like to make just a few comments, Mr. President, in order to clarify our intent, our legislative intent, in bringing these amendments in, and I would just like to make a couple of remarks about the subjects that Senator Nichol handled very capably. First of all, Senator Nichol mentioned the provision where we don't require the court to process misdemeanants as