

judgment is too lenient the prosecuting attorney can say, "Look, I think this is too lenient", but he can't do it on his own. There is a safeguard built in. He has to have the approval of the Attorney General to go with it before he can do it. These prosecuting attorneys will not be bringing every case in that is dismissed or handed down with a lenient sentence to the Attorney General because the Attorney General doesn't want all kinds of cases that are minor in nature that they shouldn't be bothered with. We don't have a sentencing commission in existence. Nobody to my knowledge has even brought one forward, has even thought of it. If they have thought of it, they surely haven't brought it forward or attempted even to do it. I think we should advance this bill and pass this bill now so that if something can be worked out, as Senator Landis, Senator Vard Johnson have suggested, then let's get with it and do it. I have no objection to attempting to work out such a situation, but until such time as our Judiciary Committee or our attorneys, our Bar Association, our Judges Association, our Supreme Court judges do something, attempt to work out, let's get something so that there can be an appeal when too lenient sentences are handed down.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 402. All those in favor of the bill advancing vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 525.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 525 offered by Senator Sieck. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 20 of last year, referred to Judiciary for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Judiciary Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol. Senator Nichol, do you wish to take up the committee amendments to 525?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, excuse me, I had a little after battle there. The committee adopted amendments to this bill which were brought to us by Senator Sieck. The effect of the amendment is in part clarifying in nature and also provides standards to be followed by prosecutors when requesting an order from a court to compel testimony from a witness. I move for the adoption of the committee amendment. Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendment.