

deference to Senator Chambers I will vote to advance it to Select File till he returns since...you did say he was home ill today? Do you know, Senator Hoagland, do we have this same tape recording system of any hearings or anything in effect when the Ombudsman goes in and questions correctional officers in regards to their actions towards the inmates?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Higgins, I can't answer that. I've never been present at one of those inquires.

SENATOR HIGGINS: That would be one of the questions, I guess, I would have to save for Senator Chambers because I remember some time ago there was quite an uproar at the prison that the Ombudsman for the inmates would go in and jerk the correctional officers off their duty stands, question them with a hidden tape recorder on his person and then 30 days later call them back in and say, you said this, this and this, and the officer would say, well, I guess, I guess, and then he would play it back for them. So I would want to know that correctional officers are going to be given the same equal rights that those who are convicted of crimes in the institutions are given. I believe in a fair hearing for those that are in institutions. I know that they do not always get a fair hearing and a tape recording of the proceedings should be kept or probably transcribed and the transcription kept which might cut down on the fiscal note if we didn't need that many tape recorders. So, based on that, when Senator Chambers comes back I'll discuss my question with him, but I would vote to advance the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Hoagland, is there any closing? The advancement of 237 is before us. Those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Is the count 23 votes, Madam Chairman? I hate to ask for a call of the house to get a couple more votes, but if it's necessary, maybe we'll have to. This is a motion to advance Senator Chambers' bill to Select File.

SENATOR MARSH: The Clerk will record.

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