

March 6, 1986

LB 1241, 1247

SENATOR HOAGLAND: For the reasons I stated earlier, colleagues, I'd ask the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The motion is to advance the bill as amended. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill as amended is advanced. LB 1241.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: LB 1241, colleagues, is another bill that was brought to the Judiciary Committee by the Board of Parole dealing with the parole review schedule. Now again, this is a small bill, but it's important and let me tell you why it's important. Under current law the Parole Board is required to hold a hearing and to review the status of every offender every year. Right now we have, of course, in the Nebraska penal system offenders that are sentenced to 15, 20, 25 years, but the Nebraska Parole Board nonetheless needs to have a hearing every year even though individuals may be 10 years away from parole, 10 years away from their parole eligibility date. This adjusts that schedule so that a hearing need be conducted only approximately once every five years unless specifically requested by the offender. Until you get five years within his parole eligibility date, then the annual requirement kicks in. What the committee amendments do is the committee amendments make it clear that if a parolee, if an inmate would like to be reviewed annually, he still has that right, but the Parole Board is no longer required to do it. So in the end it will save a lot of costs, a lot of wasted time on the part of the Parole Board. I ask the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted, that care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendments have been adopted. Now, on the bill.