

to. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is advanced..the bill is advanced. I would like to get through these next three bills, ladies and gentlemen, and also number 1027 which is a Revenue bill of Senator Vard Johnson's that we really should get moving. So let's move along as fast as we can today. LB 911.

CLERK: Mr. President, 911 offered by Senators Pappas, DeCamp, Higgins, Marsh, Nichol, Hartnett, Wesely, Labeledz, Conway, Lundy, Hall, Nelson, Morehead. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Miscellaneous Subjects, advanced to General File. I have no committee amendments but I do have other amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, would you like to talk a little bit about your bill, acquaint us with what is happening.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, 911 arose out of several Supreme Court cases which basically made it very difficult for a local political subdivision to deny or approve a liquor license without the potential possibility of a court case later, at a later date. There has been a lot of conversation and discussion on how far a new liquor bill should go. LB 911, as presently drafted and with some amendments that I am going to offer in a little bit, will strengthen and clarify the criteria, and also give the Liquor Commission more right to stay with the approval or denial of the local political subdivision. This will be done, and also I might on the offset, on the start, to remind you that Senator Hefner and the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee is going to do an in depth study of the liquor laws in the State of Nebraska during the next 12-month period. I think it is very imperative that we adopt LB 911 with the amendments I am going to bring forth in a few minutes and move this bill on so that there are more standards for the local political subdivisions to work with and guidelines to work with in the next 12 months until we have an opportunity to look over the entire set of statutes on liquor licenses and liquor laws.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the first amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The first amendment I have is by Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner's amendment is found on page 910 of the Journal.