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used to manage the facility. The committee amendments only apply to Lancaster County. However, in tandem to the committee amendments, you should check into your Journal on page 1038, 1038, and there are some additional amendments offered there at the request of several Senators from Omaha and I will ask first for adoption of the committee amendments since they apply only to Lincoln. Let me assure you that LB 396 has the approval of our Lancaster County Board, the Lincoln City Council. It has the approval of the Lancaster County Sheriff and the Lincoln Police Department has gone on record stating that they wish to be separate from the corrections function. They wish to simply be involved with law enforcement so that the concept in LB 396 is one that they are sympathetic to. I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 396. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 396? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the committee amendments are adopted. Senator Landis, what will we do with the bill?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer some additional amendments that appeared in the Journal for approval. These amendments actually merge two bills that we have had before us, LB 396 and LB 490, both of which have been heard by the Judiciary Committee. LB 490 was introduced by Senator Hoagland and it extends the obligation for the county board to act as a corrections board to Douglas County as well and brings into...it merges the two systems so they are similar with respect to Douglas County and Lancaster County. We would have to deal with this issue in LB 490 but this will allow us to take the merits of that and incorporate them into LB 396 and so that we can dispense with that bill. This bill has the approval of the Omaha, these amendments, rather, have the approval of the Omaha County Board, the Douglas County Board, rather, and Senator Hoagland and a number of these Senators from Omaha and I might also add that at the time of the hearing the Omaha Sheriff, the Douglas County Sheriff, Dick Roth, opposed the change. He opposed the merits of LB 490. He has since changed his position and is now in sympathy with the bill. He is in sympathy with the committee amendments and, therefore, we