

to 120 days after it is imposed. Under current state law, once a judge utters a sentence, even if the sentence is mistaken, even if the sentence has no sense or is administratively incorrect, or is intended for another defendant or whatever, that judge doesn't have the authority to change that sentence once it is given. Now, under federal law the judges can come back within 120 days and correct a mistaken sentence or reduce a sentence for a variety of purposes. An example, one of the most famous examples was in the Watergate case where Judge Sirica sentenced an individual, one of the Watergate breakin offenders, to 5 to 15 years. That defendant then recanted, turned state's evidence, helped in the prosecution of some of the other Watergate offenders and Judge Sirica reduced the sentence. It also was helpful in plea bargaining in inducing defendants to cooperate in the prosecution of others. Basically, what it does is it adopts the federal rule with respect to modification of sentences. I ask the adoption of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on LB 530? If not, the motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting to advance LB 530 from General File. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. We proceed to LB 491.

CLERK: 491 was a bill offered by Senator Chizek. (Read title.) Read in January of last year, referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Chairman Johnson for the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, the committee amendments thus become the bill and really what the bill does is allow municipalities to contract with the Department of Environmental Control for the delegated authority to administer air pollution regulations both within the city and the zoning limits. I don't believe there was any opposition to the bill. And, as I said, we have just changed the bill to allow that the cities can