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LB 21:

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Now, do we have one for Senator Hoagland?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Hoagland moves to amend the committee amendments and that is found on page 1544 of the Journal.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, these two sections which are intended to add two sections to the committee amendments which eventually will become the bill do two things. The first section, and they are both found on page 1544, would attempt to extend jurisdiction of the courts over persons that are currently under commitment, persons like Mr. Cribbs and Mr. Simants so that if we pass this bill shifting jurisdiction for the Mental Health Boards to the courts for purposes of the disposition of persons found not responsible by reason of insanity, will also pick up persons like Cribbs and Simants who are currently under commitment. That is the intent of the first section. The intent of the second section is to assure that all proceedings that are conducted pursuant to this act be highly visible, that they be covered adequately by the media because they take place in open proceedings in the courtrooms and that the public will have knowledge of the full operation of the process unlike is frequently the case today where low visibility decisions are made and people are released without the knowledge of the public, without people really fully understanding what is happening. So I would move the adoption of these two new sections to the bill which are found on page 1544 of the Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Hoagland amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hoagland's amendment to committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is adopted. Now the committee amendments. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendment. Then we will go into the explanation of the bill as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.