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Senator Johnson said, made a sound policy decision and I think that this body should stick with that decision. I think we were right and should stay right. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I am going to support Senator Nichol's amendment. I voted on the other side the last time. I think I made a mistake. I got to thinking, how many people in this room would take a job at the penitentiary if they knew that they were going to be liable, that is in dollars, for any error that they made, and I am talking about instances such as this. I doubt very much. I know I would not. I would not think of it and I think we are asking the employees at the penitentiary that very same thing. I think it is going to cause a morale problem. I think there is going to be... I think we could do more harm than good so I am going to support his amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, would you like to close?

SENATOR NICHOL: Just briefly, Mr. Chairman, by saying I think if we continue this sort of practice, that most likely it would result in difficulty in getting people to assume the responsibility of handling prisoners and the problems connected with prisoners.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the return of 548 for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? There are three excused so you have all voted but fifteen. Did you want a Call of the House? A Call of the House has been requested. All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The House is under Call. All senators will return to your seats and check in please. Senator Beutler, Senator Burrows, Senator Marvel is in. Senator Kremer, Senator Lamb. Senator Hoagland, are you here? Senator