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SENATOR LUEDTKE: Where is this now?

SENATOR KIME: Section 3 on page 3. It says the court shall appoint an attorney if so desired. I think . . . isn't that . . .

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well yes, but there is nothing stated specifically now with regard to misdemeanors, Senator Kime. That's the object of the bill. If you'll turn to page 4 you will see that's what it says.

SENATOR KIME: Well isn't that already taken care of in the present law?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No it isn't.

SENATOR KIME: If an indigent person comes in and has no money or an attorney, can he ask for an attorney for a a defendant?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: There is nothing in our laws now, Senator Kime, which specifically states that it is the policy of the State of Nebraska with regard to indigents who are charged with a misdemeanor. That's the difference.

SENATOR KIME: Oh, thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Seeing none, . . . you are finished Senator?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, I have finished.

SPEAKER: The question is shall LB 285 be advanced to E & R for initial. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. LB 286. Senator Luedtke.

CLERK: Read bill.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move that LB 286 be advanced to E & R initial. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 286 was introduced at the request of the Court Administrators office again. This time to simplify the procedure of transmitting the monies for court costs which go into the state general fund directly into the state general fund rather than have it go to the county treasurers office and right back into the state general fund. This has been a confusing thing which county treasurers would just as soon avoid. It is of additional cost to the county to have to handle this money which they don't keep anyway. It was felt that it would eliminate the work of the county treasurer, speed up the transmittal to the state and just generally make a more efficient operation.

SPEAKER: Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall LB 286 be advanced to E & R initial. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.