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LB 117

Chambers in his motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion...Senator Johnson, do you wish to be recognized, and then I'm going to recognize Senator Chambers to close on his motion. Okay, Senator Johnson, the floor is yours.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of remarks...on General File we did deal with the seven hundred and fifty dollar figure, and that figure in the end was rejected by this body, and we went with the thousand dollar figure. I'm not going to reiterate all of the arguments that were presented for the thousand dollar figure, but one of the points I do want...one of the points that I do want to repeat is the fact that the Nebraska Bar Association, itself, recognized the need to increase the jurisdictional limits of the Small Claims Court, and it supports an increase in jurisdictional limits of the Small Claims Court, and the Bar Association, itself, has taken the position that an increase to one thousand dollars would not be an unreasonable or excessive, or erroneous, or incorrect increase. For that reason, Senators Beutler and I, and I think a majority of this body, wholeheartedly support the one thousand dollar increase...or the five hundred dollar increase, raising the Small Claims Court jurisdictional limit to one thousand dollars, and I would ask you to reject Senator Chambers' motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on your motion to bring the bill back?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll be very brief. Just to state again what the motion is...it would raise the amount from five hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty dollars, which is an increase in the jurisdictional amount of fifty percent, and I think that is adequate a jump for one year. I ask that you favorably vote on this motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to bring LB 117 to return it to Select File for specific amendment, and the specific amendment has been read. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. It takes 25 votes. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the motion to return the bill? One more time, have you all voted?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could I have a Roll Call vote, and then we can get it over with.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll Call vote's been requested. Do you want to clear the board? Will all the members please return