

What the bill seeks to do is twofold. It mandates that all county attorneys and deputy county attorneys will complete prescribed continuing legal education hours on an annual basis as a condition to his or her retention of office and second, it should improve the professionalism of Nebraska's prosecutors, should substantially improve and maintain their skills as a prosecutor thereby assisting them to more effectively carry out the function responsibilities. The bill does not mandate continuing legal education for every attorney. Such mandating lies with the Nebraska Supreme Court. Anyway, hopefully, it will make better county attorneys.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: A couple of questions of Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, will you respond?

SENATOR DE CAMP: If they are not difficult.

SENATOR MURPHY: I see we have a fiscal note and I find it interesting inasmuch as this council is going to determine how many hours will be required so I don't know what they are basing it on and this council will also determine what the tuition and fees will be. So I don't know what they are basing that on inasmuch as we don't have a council, but lastly, once again we are going to mandate that the counties will pay for something under their 7% lid. Generally I have a problem with it, John.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator DeCamp, you may close. You waive closing, all right. The question then is the advance of LB 790. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Seven excused... Senator DeCamp, there seem to be just...

SENATOR DE CAMP: Oh, I think there is enough around. They are just kind of worrying about getting to their desks and voting so we can move this so we can move on to the next bill.

PRESIDENT: There are more here than were a few minutes ago, I know that. Have you all voted?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Yes, the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I hate to hassle everybody with one vote, jiminy Christmas.