

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to respond to some of Senator Beutler's questions. This bill is very technical in nature. The Revenue Committee held a hearing on it and we felt that we did have all the problems ironed out, however, I would suggest to the body that we advance this bill to Select File and I will have the legal counsel of the Revenue Committee prepare an informational sheet that will describe some of the questions and answer some of the questions that you had asked and I hope this is satisfactory to the body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill to E & R for review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. We now go to LB 140.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 140 is offered by Senator Steve Fowler. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 14 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. It was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is a good bill and it ought to be advanced. The bill was introduced on behalf of Lincoln and Lancaster County and it is to remove a dollar limitation with regards to the issue of bonds for a joint city-county jail. The dollar limitation is \$100,000. It was established in 1913 and as I told the Revenue Committee \$100,000 just doesn't buy as much a jail as it used to. In no way does this preclude a vote of the citizens with regards to building such a facility. The bill comes out of a specific need in Lincoln and Lancaster County where we must replace a jail that is not adequate for a variety of reasons and the city and county wish to go to a joint bond issue to finance that. The county has the ability to issue its own bonds but since it is a joint facility jointly used by both governmental units they would prefer to issue the bonds under this section of law and, therefore, they need to remove the \$100,000 limit if, in fact, they are going to have any significant jail constructed. There is no opposition to the bill. I would stress again that the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County will ultimately decide the question as far as the bond issue. This no way circumvents the vote of the people. It removes what is kind of a out of