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you for the record that the Supreme Court took no position on the amount of fees to be charged. They merely advocated the position that County Court fees and Municipal Court fees should be kept at an equal amount. As the dollar amount suggested by the committee amendments essentially became the bill and were reached as the result of a compromise with the primary introducer of the bill, I am going to ask you that you adopt the committee amendments first and then direct any discussion as to the amount of the increase to the principal sources of the bill, Senators Beutler and Hoagland. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis speaking to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would just move their adoption, Mr. Speaker. I do want to notify the Chair that I intend to take Senator Beutler's place on this bill and will speak on it once the committee amendments are adopted.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you, Senator Landis. The question then is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 99. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, motion carries and the committee amendments are adopted on LB 99. Any further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis then to explain the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, you will find on your desk a summary of LB 99. It is just a one-page fact sheet detailing the fee increase which increases civil fees from \$10 to \$14, criminal fees from \$6 to \$10, and orders after judgment from \$1 to \$3. There has not been a previous increase since 1971 and before that it was 1963 before there were increases. In most counties the kinds of cases that go to our Lincoln and Omaha Municipal Courts are filed in County Court, and so that is the reason for the committee amendment that we just adopted making these changes effective for not only Municipal Courts but for County Courts as well. Your County Court systems are paid for generally out of state General Fund tax dollars.