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LB 89A

SENATOR CLARK: They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to return LB 89A to Select File for specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I just felt it necessary to tell you for the last year and a half, at the minimum, for the last year and a half Lancaster County has been served with an extra judge. They call him in from other parts of the state, southeast Nebraska, western, northeast Nebraska, and the only expense is the travel expense. They have been served. They will be continued to be served. This has not caused a problem in the courts. I found this out and I would have told you a few minutes ago but I just now found this out so they are being served with an extra judge and they can continue to do this and, thereby, this shows that if it has been going on for a year and a half, almost two years, maybe we have got too many judges. So I would suggest that you vote no on this finance bill and let's proceed as Senator Wiitala suggests. Mr. President, I withdraw my motion.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn. The Clerk will read 89A.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol would move to return the bill for specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I can't let this go without responding just for a second. Yes, they are being served by other judges. They bring them in from Chadron, from Scottsbluff, from Norfolk, southeast. They pay their expenses. They pay their lodging while they are here and it is costing you more to do it this way than to do it right. So I urge you to support the A bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you withdraw that?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I would ask to withdraw it please.

SENATOR CLARK: Is this what you meant, Senator Wiitala? Before we read the bill, I would like to announce we have 15 twelfth graders from Davenport High School, Davenport, Nebraska. They are in the North balcony. Will you stand and be recognized please. We also have 51 fourth graders from Rose Hill Grade School in Omaha, Nebraska, in the North balcony. Would you stand and be recognized please.

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