

Lincoln may not be provided a meal by the Natural Resources District. This change would allow the NRD to treat its Lincoln directors essentially the same as it treats those who live outside of Lincoln. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We have plenty of members on the floor to adopt the committee amendments if we will do it, if you wish to do it. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: They are adopted. Senator Sieck, please.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the committee (sic), I know I am taking a loss on this bill by reducing it from 25 to 15. But with the condition of our state today and the property tax situation, I feel it is proper. I also feel that to change the expense account is good because being a member of the Lower Platte South for several years, we may have been feeding some of our directors illegally and now it will be legal. So I kind of like that part of it. But I do feel that the director who goes to meetings should be paid and that is what the bill will do. It will allow those to be paid up to a thousand dollars for meetings that they attend and that will mean committee meetings as well as their regular board meetings. Many of our members out there are busy. They are working. They are hard working people and I don't feel that if they have used up their amount of money that they should be denied compensation for it. What this will do, it will give them compensation up to a thousand dollars. So I move the adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Sieck answer a couple of questions? Senator Sieck, right now what are they paid per diem?

SENATOR SIECK: \$15.00.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And what would your bill do?