

enough for an individual for the time that he puts in, but many of our people across the State of Nebraska are dedicated to this use and they want to do something for the State of Nebraska and I admire them for it. I feel that they, at least, should get paid for the amount of time or per diem and committee meetings that they do attend and that is the purpose of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We move to LB 125.

CLERK: Mr. President, 125 was a bill introduced by Senator Hefner. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 11 of last year, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, Senator Hefner has brought to us an important bill involving small claims court jurisdiction. Senator Hefner's LB 125 would allow someone to file a small claims court petition by mail if he wants to file it in different counties so he won't have to drive to the county where the defendant is located and file the claim in person in the court in that county. Instead, he can mail it in. Now, in the Judiciary Committee we adopted an amendment expanding it somewhat so that any plaintiff, whether he resides in the county in which he is filing the claim, or otherwise, can file by mail. It also allows any court personnel or notary public to attest to the plaintiff's execution of the petition. Obviously, before the thing is put in the mail you don't have to go to court to sign it before a notary. So that is what the committee amendments do. That is, briefly, what the bill does and I would ask the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you want to talk about the amendment? The question is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.