

we started out on this I thought it was a very simple bill that I could vote for very easily. Senators, if I could have your attention, this is the bill you originally were given. It is 14 pages and it dealt with clerk magistrates. Now, I want you to look in your file. I can't even follow...I can't vote on this bill because I can't follow what is going on. Here is amendment 5208, amendment 1732, amendment 2072, amendment 2103, amendment 2138, amendment 958, amendment 222. All the amendments combined are four times the size of the bill and I admit my stupidity, I can't follow all of it. I thought it was a simple bill having to do with court magistrates and now unless somebody explains exactly what is in this bill after all these amendments, some of which may have been adopted, I don't know, some of which may have been withdrawn, I don't know, but it is impossible for me in good conscience to vote for a bill whose amendments, if you look at it, the amendments are five times the size of the bill. God knows what is in them. Certainly I am not saying that there is anything in any of them. I don't even know who proposed all these amendments. I don't want to offend any senator that proposes an amendment to the bills and probably it is my own fault for having been ill for the last two weeks that I missed all of this, but in looking around and seeing what is going on around me, I am just wondering is anybody else thinking about what really is in this bill and will it ever come back to haunt us? I think we ought to have some kind of a resume, before advancing it or before having Final Reading on it, of how the bill actually reads now after all the amendments have either been withdrawn or added. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your amendment for Senator Lamb?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I have been talking to Senator Hoagland who is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and he says that Keller says it is going to cost us...there is going to be a fiscal note of approximately \$200,000. But I can't agree with that because some of the counties are doing it now with the same probation officers that they have. And so I think this would be quite an advantage to those counties under 45,000 population. So I feel that we should go ahead with this. I think it is a fantastic idea. It is a good idea and I think that most of the rural counties could benefit quite a little