

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, what this amendment does is what we intended to do in the first place and that is to remove the limit of \$25 but we did want the petty cash to be in the budget so that's what this amendment does.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Thank you, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Ask for the passage of this amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Any other discussion? All right, all those in favor of the Nichol amendment to LB 643 vote aye. Opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Nichol's amendment.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion passes and the Nichol amendment is adopted? Are there any further motions?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Kahle. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, we always hear this. It's a very simple bill and we found out after, I don't know what legislative session it was, it must have been a couple, three years ago, that some way or another we got this \$25 limit in on the petty cash that counties could levy for different offices. I guess the biggest problem is in the Welfare Department where sometimes they need to buy a bus ticket for somebody to get them into another part of the country or need to help a family overnight, put them up for the night and there isn't any way that's possible that you can do this with \$25. We at one time thought of putting a different figure in here and then we found out that each county has a different problem. Some of them takes a considerable amount of petty cash and others don't need very much. We found out for instance, that Buffalo County needs about \$600 in their petty cash fund and Kearney County thought that \$200 or \$300 would do it nicely, so we decided to take it clear out. We thought that if a County Board isn't responsible enough to take care of this sort of a funding, why we probably shouldn't trust them with the millions of dollars they spend in their other departments. So I would urge you to advance this to E & R for Engrossment. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, and members, I'd just like to add my support to this bill. We have a problem and I'm sure other counties do but we especially in Buffalo County and it's especially apparent on week ends and evenings and that sort of time when the Welfare Department have their problems that Senator Kahle just spoke of. So I would ask you to vote for it.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this motion also. Here's another opportunity for us to quit coming in over the top of local elected officials. They have the responsibilities so why not just let them have it.