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they pay for it in the first place. There is no reason to have five members on it. If he wants representation there is a new appointment coming up off the commission in September and he could certainly get one from back here if he would like. I don't care where they are from but they certainly should not be increased and the cost increase in trying to get three or four members out of five members is almost impossible to do when you do it and the Oil and Gas Commission does not want this under any conditions. I would hope you would vote that down.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Clark if he would yield?

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Clark, will you respond?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes, I will yield.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Clark, at .06%, is that petroleum or is that eyedrops?

SENATOR CLARK: No, I think that is the total. They do not put this in a medicine dropper, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Well you used that figure the other day so often I wondered how you could come up with it so accurately this morning on the petroleum industry but that is accurate. Richardson County contributes .06% of the petroleum in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR CLARK: That is what the Oil and Gas Commission tells me, that it is .06%.

SENATOR KOCH: Okay, thank you, Senator Clark.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: It is nice to have these matters clarified. Is there any further discussion on the Merz amendment to LB 90? If not, Senator Merz, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members, I think he is a little off on the figures and I am sure he is. If you figure the amount of wells you will come up with a lot different figure than he got because at one time we were the top producers in the State of Nebraska, I will have you know, and also this is one reason we need more representation. The thing has been left get away down there.