

somewhere in the neighborhood of a couple of a million to start the program and \$6,000-\$7,000 a year to operate it. I do believe in all fairness to Senator DeCamp that the bill as now stands would be considerably less than that. Now when you are talking of forensic pathologists, I believe that we are talking in the neighborhood of \$90,000 a year, Senator Chambers, wasn't that somewhere in the ball park? Well anyway the original bill had several forensic pathologists employed and I think that would be greatly reduced in this bill. I don't have any idea what it would be now.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It does not cease and, Senator Nichol, you are the next speaker.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I suppose I present somewhat of a minority report on this, on this LR 154 committee which was certainly very interesting and I hesitate to oppose the bill at this time, which I do not do, but I did oppose it on the grounds of the cost of it to start with. The Ida Fitzgibbons case in McCook was certainly interesting, I think a mistake was made. It was a debacle but there was never any pathologist called in on the case, as was the situation in some of the other cases that were coming to our attention, let alone a forensic pathologist. Might I just say in passing that a forensic pathologist, as I understand it, is a regular pathologist who has had further training in law and also some in articulating what has happened. Instead of saying you were killed with a sharp instrument, he says you were killed with a sharp instrument, probably a knife with a blade six inches long and a handle four inches long. You were stabbed by somebody six feet, two inches tall rather than not facing such a situation. So, forensic pathologist for all purposes is much more knowledgeable and especially along the legal lines than a regular pathologist. So, the situation as occurred in Scotts-bluff, Senator Chambers, recently the man lived about 150 feet from where I was living at that time and it did occur to me