

that is equitable and I think that is part of the reason that this bill was introduced. We're also looking at the administration of the state courts. Article V of our Constitution gives the authority to the Supreme Court to administer the courts and they're all supposed to be state courts and yet we have set up these two municipal courts in Lincoln and Omaha and I think this is the first step to total merger to have a more efficient court system. Now getting back to the equity question. I think that when you look at the 1972 Court Reform Act you will see that initially the merger of the municipal and county courts in Lincoln and Omaha was included in the '72 Court Reform Act. Now I think this is kind of finishing or cleaning up what the Court Reform Act did leave out and I think it is about time that we did that. I think it is fair to the taxpayers of the entire state. So I would appreciate your support for LB 590 and I would move its advancement.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. Senator Beutler, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I don't want to speak long on this. I think the concept has been discussed and I would only ask you to exercise that sense of fairness which I think you must have. The bill's proposition appeals to that. It says basically for the same kind of function for the processing of municipal court or for the processing of traffic violations and those types of cases that the funds used to pay for those should come from the same source, that is the state funds. As for Senator Haberman's comments with regard to Senator Johnson's statements and the panhandle, I disavow all association with any statements Senator Johnson has made with regard to the panhandle. He is not a sponsor of this bill and I don't think I care to comment on whether he is right or wrong. All I am saying is I ask you to deal with the bill on its merits and not on some peripheral issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I hope to have the attention of Senator Rex Haberman. Senator Rex Haberman, is on the legislative floor. Senator Rex Haberman, I particularly would like to have Senator Haberman be aware that if our situation was reversed and Senator Haberman had been carrying for many years a double taxation in his community he might feel differently. Think of all the years you've picked up free what the taxpayers of Lincoln have been paying