

for many years. You've had a bargain all these years. Now it is time to say the taxpayers of Lincoln and the taxpayers of Omaha as well as the rest of the taxpayers of our state shall help support the state's system. We are not only putting that tax on you and your area, Senator Haberman, but we are accepting the same responsibility for ourselves. It is a fair and equitable bill. It is treating all of the taxpayers equitably, not just those who do not live in Lincoln and Omaha. I would urge your support for the advancement of LB 590.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Kilgarin, do you wish to close on the motion to advance?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, thank you. LB 590 has been explained. It has been debated. I would like to say in answer to Senator Haberman's objections, that presently the cities of Scottsbluff, Sidney, Imperial, Grand Island, Chadron, etc., have city ordinances. When there is a dispute about those ordinances they do go into county court and those ordinances are decided by a county court whose judge is paid for by the state. Now this is the first step in the merger of the municipal county court. It is about one fourth as expensive as it would have been had we introduced an entire merger bill. We're looking at doing this slowly and reasonably and I would appreciate your support for this first step which is really quite economical and will probably be more economical because it will streamline the court system and make it more efficient especially with the assigning of judges in those counties that they serve in. You won't have judges from way out west driving into Douglas County to sit as a judge for Douglas County. Only those judges which serve in that county may serve in the same court or in the county court in that county. So you will eliminate some of the travel expenses so it can save you money too. I would like to yield a couple minutes of my closing time to Senator DeCamp.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.