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LB 89

CLERK: Senator Haberman would move to return LB 89 to Select File for specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this adds a judge to Lancaster County at a cost the first year of over \$82,000; a cost the second year of over \$83,000. There is also an error in it that says that the court reporters get \$20,900 and they get \$22,000. Also it says that there is going to be \$1850 worth of travel. In Lancaster County? And then they are also going to train him, yes, going to train him to be a judge. So as tight as things are and with everybody scrunched down and tightening their belts, I think maybe we can do without another judge in Lancaster County, especially with all this traveling, and with \$82,000 cost because of the increases and then the error in the court reporter's salary, so I would like to ask this body to vote no on LB 89, and if the economy improves next year, let's come back and reconsider it. Thank you, Mr. President, and I withdraw my motion.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Nichol would move to return the bill for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I just can't stand to see this go by without saying something about it. Now Lancaster County has been short a judge for a long time and, secondly, they have been in for three years asking for an additional judge. Now two years ago we had the same situation out in northwest Nebraska where the two judges were overworked. We gave them another judge. The same year we had one in Grand Island and north of Grand Island, we gave them another judge. Now there is a problem here because a few in this body don't want to do it and some of them are attorneys. Now I can't understand when we have judges overloaded why we sit here and say, "No, you can't have another judge simply because we want to save the money," but on the other hand we will vote a raise for the other judges. We are not consistent. Now in my opinion, this is very important that Lancaster County have another judge and they have been asking for it, their workload is well established that they are loaded heavier than any other area and I don't think that we as legislators, and certainly me as Chairman of Judiciary, should sit here and say, "Okay,

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