

amendment on small claims, because that was withdrawn. But the point is that there is a significant difference between county court and district court. As Senator Lindsay indicated, 48 percent of the cases in Douglas County are small claims cases. Those are primarily cases that are handled in a very summary fashion. It is very rare, in Douglas County, that there are jury trials. And there is a significant difference, there is a good reason for expediting the process. I don't see any good reason, again, other than uniformity which in and of itself is not a reason, in my opinion, to change court rules to alter the system as it now exists. So I would...I support Senator Lindsay, I think he's absolutely correct and will not vote to advance the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lynch. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would renew my request to move this bill along. This really is a housekeeping bill. What really happens so many times is that when you're in the court system in Nebraska there is enough confusing rules in this state. And when people come and practice before the courts there are often mistakes made saying, well, I don't know if I've got 20 days or 30 days. It is just a confusion that we don't need in this state. We've talked about this long enough, Mr. President, I move to advance the bill and would offer my support to do so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, would you care to act as the closer?

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. If you happen to turn to your bill books to 232 and look at the committee statement, you will see that this bill was advanced out of committee on a seven to one vote. Senator Lindsay raised