

his objections then. They were respectfully noted. He was certainly entitled to vote no in committee. But the other seven members of the committee, who heard the testimony on this bill, thought it was a good bill, thought it was consistent with the intent of making things uniform between the district court and the county court. I will just read briefly the purpose of the bill which says that LB 232 makes the summons and answer procedure the same in county court as in district court. Currently, in county court summons must be returned in ten days, with answer date ten days after that. In district court the summons must be returned within 20 days, and answer day is 30 days after service. They are very similar courts, similar procedures are used in both courts, except for this type of answer date provision. The only difference is the jurisdictional limit, which is really the only real primary difference I should say. And you will note that the proponents of the bill, Senator Chizek appeared, of course, in support of the bill, it was provided to him through the court administrators office. You'll note that Judge Rehmeier, who is a county judge on the county court, I might add, appeared in behalf and in support of the bill. You'll note that Judge Fahrbruch, who is the...on the Supreme Court Committee, he's also a Nebraska Supreme Court judge, appeared representing the committee and spoke in favor of the bill. There were no opponents whatsoever, no one from the Bar Association came in to oppose the bill, no lawyer came in to oppose the bill. There are plenty of lawyers who handle collection type of cases, plenty of lawyers who practice in county court, not one lawyer, one organization appeared to oppose this bill. Senator Lindsay has a perfectly legitimate right to express his opposition to it, but, frankly, I think that is a...he is in the minority in that position. I think for purposes of uniformity and consistency we should advance this bill and I think Senator Chizek would urge you to advance it as well, if he were here. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator McFarland. The question is the advancement of LB 232 to E & R Engrossing. A machine vote has been requested. Those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of the bill. Senator McFarland.

SNATOR MCFARLAND: I'd ask for a call of the house on the vote. We just don't have enough people here.