

SENATOR LANDIS: Does that appear in the Journal, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir, it does not.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Pirsch, on your amendment to LB 220.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Members of the Legislature, this just came to me and it came to me from the Clerk of the Court, and so you'll have to forgive me if I will just have to read what the amendment is and you will have to follow along that way.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Pirsch, if the Chair could interrupt just momentarily. If you could very briefly describe the bill that is being amended so that we'll know what the amendment relates to, I'm sure the body would appreciate understanding what the amendment is relating to.

SENATOR PIRSCH: That would be probably a good idea.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: LB 220, if you'll recall from General File, provides that when a court sentences an offender to probation the court may, as a condition of his sentence, require that the offender be monitored by an electronic surveillance device system and to pay the cost of such if the offender has a financial ability. Some judges in Nebraska are already requiring monitoring through electronic surveillance systems, but other judges are reluctant to do so in the absence of statute authority. The judges who are doing so feel they have the authority under existing Section 29, but one of the judges who is indeed using this, who has worked with us on this has requested that we indeed specify this in our statutes. Currently the following 14 states, and I won't read them, but if you are curious I will tell you, and the use of this electronic switching which is the coming thing, as you know, electronics is an attractive alternative to incarceration because the systems are cost effective, they can be expeditiously implemented and they still maintain public safety. In the system that is currently used in Sarpy County, the probationer wears an electronic bracelet of anklet which sends a radio signal to a receiver usually inserted in a telephone. An electronic signal is sent over the phone line whenever the probationer exceeds a certain distance from the receiver and that usually is 200 feet,