

noncontroversial bill, as Senator Korshoj has explained to me, and there shouldn't be any problems with it. This is something we need to do this year so that after the census is taken the process for the next election will remain as it has been in Sarp County for the last several years. With that, that is the conclusion of my explanation. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Korshoj to explain his portion of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Korshoj, you have a minute.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Mr. President and members, how much time do I have?

PRESIDENT: One minute, but you're second after that so...

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay. Well, mine deals with a Register of Deeds. I discovered there is a law that says a Register of Deeds shall be elected in each county having a population of more than 16,500. And there is four or five counties now approaching that plateau, especially Washington County. Seward County is approaching it. Box Butte was at 14,600 in that range; maybe York County, which was 14,900. And all my part of the amendment does is change that figure from 16,500 to 20,000. And I contacted the Washington County Board of Supervisors, and they sent a letter to me requesting that I definitely support this bill which was LB 492 last year. So I amended it onto Senator Chambers' Douglas County commissioner bill where they would be elected by districts. It unanimously carried on that bill but, as Senator Withem said, we got it...we got it vetoed, so I want to add that onto to this bill. This should be very noncontroversial. It's something our county needs very, very bad and it could affect a couple other counties. If there is any questions, why that's it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beyer, please, Emil Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I'm not in opposition to Senator Korshoj's portion of the bill but to the amendment. Senator Withem made the statement that the county board went on record in favor of this and he is correct. But on the other part that the people in the county support it, he is incorrect, at least the people in my district do not support it and I have had quite a bit of comment from them. It's a little bit different in the situation of our county, Douglas County and Lancaster County, and I think that our previous legislators had