

the bill a little bit. I think we have elicited the legislative intent here on the floor and that is the intent in passing this bill and when it's interpreted that's how it would be interpreted. I would ask that the bill be advanced to Select.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 135. All those in favor please vote aye, all opposed please vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, and LB 135 is advanced. I now would like to announce to you and introduce to you the doctor of the day. Seated under the north balcony is Dr. H.R. Walker from Kearney. Thank you for being with us today, Dr. Walker. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: The next bill, Madam President, is LB 147. (Read title.) The bill was introduced by Senator Wehrbein. It was read for the first time on January 10th. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. They report the bill to General File with no committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, thank you, Madam President. Members, this is a bill to increase the juror fee. As you can see, I am passing out the history of the jury fee...juror pay increases in the last nearly 100 years, 80 years, to see how it has come up. Now many of you have wondered about why it's necessary to increase the pay, feeling that it is a duty of a juror to provide good government, in the name of good government that we should be serving. However, I'm simply calling your attention to the fact that it does work a financial hardship on many, that there at least ought to be just compensation, and that really is the only reason. I, too, am reluctant to raise fees in terms of the cost of government today. On the other hand, it seems to me we ought to do something that is fair, with the cost of parking in many areas, with the cost of baby-sitting in most areas. This was brought to me by my Clerk of the District Court who has fielded many complaints from jurors coming in, for one reason or another, find quite a financial liability accrues to them because of various circumstances, self-employed, for example;