

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, I will now recognize Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, my amendment, I assume, is found in the Journal but it's very simple. What it does is it cuts out the second increase, the increase in 1994. Simply, I have no problem with going to the \$30 increase, as the bill calls for, but the second increase which would double it, I have some concerns. We have a lot of our counties that have budget problems and I know that the jurors certainly don't make any money on this. It is a somewhat public duty. There are some other bills coming down the line that is to pay them maybe for baby-sitter or other fee...other costs that they incur. But I have no problem with raising it the first 30, but my amendment simply would do away with the last part of it and do away with the second raise. I appreciate some of the figures that Senator Wehrbein gave you and it does concur with some of them that I found too. In Hall County, the first raise comes to approximately, basing it on last year's figures, \$20,550. Again, then the second raise, again, another \$20,550 if the same number of jurors are used, or a \$41,000 increase to my county. As Senator Wehrbein said, in Buffalo County, 50,000. I did find a little problem with his math or somewhere this morning, I'm just kidding you, Senator Wehrbein. If it increased the first 6,000, it will probably increase 12,000 for the second raise instead of 11,000 because it's double the increase. But, anyhow, that's all right. My amendment is very simple. As Senator Wehrbein said, some of these employers, the larger employers, do pay them regular pay and, of course, this then would revert back to that business. A lot of self-employed and housewives do not have that benefit. So it's very simple. I just don't necessarily want to be too cheap but I think that that's asking for too big a hit for our counties. I have no problem with the original \$30 but my amendment would do away with the second part of it, raising it again in 1994. That is, as I said, 40,000; in one county, 50,000, and I think that's asking considerable of our counties right now. And, Seward County, for example, small one, they must not have anybody go to court there or so on. I had my secretary count that one out and they have very minimal, so it doesn't affect all counties the same.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Wehrbein, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President. I simply would oppose