

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: We had that bill in Judiciary last year and I, too, have a problem with setting out, well, we'll exclude child care services. Okay, then the next one, shall we exclude the trucker that doesn't get it? Or shall we exclude the railroader? And I don't think it's too easy to get out of jury duty when you're called, just to say that...and I agree that we don't...can't pay for child care services but I do have some problems with increasing the cost to counties. We're all in it together and I know that that's a hardship on people that have to hire baby-sitters, but sometimes those things just happen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Any other comments, Senator Robak?

SENATOR ROBAK: I think we would exclude a very important part of our jury system though if we would not include the mothers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I would rise to not ever disagree with my good friend, Senator Nelson, because I do respect her ability with numbers and her good sense of judgment and so on. But I think Senator Wehrbein has a good bill here and one that's very worthy of our consideration for increasing juror fees. Anybody who serves on a jury does it out of public service and they're not going to be making any money. In fact, on a lot of occasions they may well get their regular salary and their jury fee goes to their employer and so on. Very concerned about the cost of county government, in fact, Senator Cudaback and I were just discussing that matter, both being county officials at one time that you do have to watch the cost to the counties. After 20 years, I don't think it's probably unfair to raise that juror fee up to \$40. What I would urge you to do, it's a lot simpler just to have it at a set fee than a sliding scale for maybe some other expenses. And I know Senator Robak is going to come and talk to us about maybe some very necessary things, about child care. Other people have been in and talked to the Judiciary Committee about parking, about a wide variety of things. It just seems to me that Senator Wehrbein's solution might be a little simpler and an easier one to administer and maybe that would cut the costs, Senator Nelson, if we just had a flat fee and didn't have to make a lot of other determinations. With that, I would just rise to