

guess that it might be that way in the rest of the state, perhaps not Douglas County, as used by Senator Haberman. But there are not employers that pick this up, it's the jurors themselves that have to stand many of these costs in terms of parking, in terms of baby-sitting services, or what have you. And so I would submit to you that \$40 is a realistic amount, especially considering it's three years away, in this case, when the consumer price index may well go up another 25 percent by that time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I now will recognize Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Chizek, Crosby and Haberman. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, in response to Senator Haberman's mention to Jack Mills not opposing this legislation, I, too, had that same question or wondered why and so maybe I can help you out and I don't necessarily...I'm not cutting Jack down in the least. He said that they were opposing so many other bills that they hated to add one more to it. And so, you know, after so long a time and so...that they decided not to oppose this bill, but, likewise, I think that this is just asking too much to put on our counties, and it is a civic responsibility. You talk about the unemployed or so on has to come in, this may be employment that they wouldn't get otherwise. I doubt if that happens in very many cases but when you go to the extremes. And you take the Greeley Counties and the Valley Counties and some of those counties, they're right up to their 50-cent limit right now and then here we are, we're asking them to pick up another 20, 30, \$40,000 and I simply don't think it's fair. It is a civic duty.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I will now recognize Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President, I rise to support LB 147. I have heard discussion this morning that there are those counties who judges allow people to be dismissed from jury duty because of the children and other things. I guess I am not aware of those exemptions that exist. And if they exist in some counties and they don't exist in others, then we need to deal with it. Senator Haberman talked about people...he hasn't heard anybody complaining about the price but the people that have talked to him, not about the jury's fee, feel it's their responsibility. Senator, I'd offer an amendment to the bill so that those people