

answer to that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes. Jury fees are not part of court costs. The losing party does not absorb that. That's a fee paid by the counties, Senator Hefner. Court costs would be subpoena fees. If I subpoena in witnesses and if I have to bring in a number of witnesses on either side, that's traditionally most of the court cost. The reason that cost is given to the loser is that the winner had to incur those expenses of getting those people there. Now those aren't their salaries necessarily, it can be with some expert witnesses. Generally, it's subpoena fees but not...jury fees are not part of court costs.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Kristensen. Then the jurors would not be paid by the loser and so that would fall onto the county. But here we're trying to find ways to relieve property taxes and I believe the only way that counties have to raise their funds is by property taxes. So the more we increase the jurors' fees, the more they will have to levy for property taxes. I know you perhaps say, well, another \$10 per juror per day isn't that much, but if we keep adding enough of those, it does make a difference. And so I think the amendment here that Senator Cudaback has before us is a little more reasonable. And so I'm going to support that amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. I will now recognize Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Schmit. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Hefner asked the questions that I wanted to ask. But I did want to say that I think that maybe this amendment of Senator Cudaback's might be a little bit less of a bite than we had in the original legislation and I intend to support it too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I won't take very long. Once again, we find an issue which we could all discuss and debate with a great deal of intelligence and information behind it and, of course, Senator Wehrbein, you're finding out that it is always easier, of course, to spend \$30 million than to spend \$30. And so I don't think it's bad.