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is charged with a tremendous, tremendous responsibility for accuracy, and I would, because of that reason, stand in support of LB 37 and hope that you also would feel the same way. And I would yield the balance of my time to Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Byars. To proceed with just one further question, which I have almost forgotten, if court reporters were not allowed to do this, is there another way of providing the service? Are there private entities out there that would do it? What options are there?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: There are a few, what we call, free lance court reporters, who that is all they do. Now they don't sit in the courtroom and do the court work. They are there for depositions, which are the sworn statements that you would take prior to a lawsuit to find out what both sides are going to say. The problem with those reporters are it is hard to find them outside of the major population areas of Omaha and Lincoln. I have had to hire court reporters from Lincoln, when I was a county attorney, to come out and take depositions. Now that was an extremely expensive cost, but that was the only court reporter I could find that would meet with my time schedules within a two-week period. Everybody else was off and busy. There just aren't a lot those roadside court reporters. One, it is a pretty technical profession and one that you just can't start doing. It requires a lot of training.

SENATOR COORDSEN: So, in essence then, we have provided this opportunity for salaried court reporters to provide a service that may not otherwise be available in outstate Nebraska?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That cost you \$50 but, yes, that is right.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, and Master or American Express?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think Senator Baack only takes MasterCard.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further debate? Seeing none, Senator Kristensen, do you wish to close?