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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk, and the bill is advanced. We will proceed with LB 259.

CLERK: LB 259, Madam President, was introduced by Senator Coordsen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. LB 259 was brought to me by a member of a rural county planning commission who expressed that he thought there was a problem that existed in some counties of getting people to agree to serve on a county planning commission. The county planning commission is that commission that's appointed by the county board to develop a comprehensive county plan. One member of that board also must serve on the board of adjustments to grant variances from that plan. Currently, they're allowed by statute mileage and that's it. It was his opinion that if they were...had some type of compensation, preferably at the rate of NR0 directors, which is \$15 a day, that it might help in some areas encourage people to serve. So this bill, 259, if adopted, would place in statute a permissive per diem payment of \$15 a day with a limit of \$1,000 a year for each commissioner and it's strictly optional on the matter of the county board so it's not mandated but rather optional if there happens to be a problem in that county or there is felt to be a problem. So, with that, Madam President, I would move the advancement of 259.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there anyone who wishes to debate this motion? I will now recognize Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President and members, Senator Coordsen, I guess I just have a...I just looked at this carefully and maybe it's just to expand a little bit. Members of the commission "shall" be compensated and then later on you say the county board "may" provide.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It should be...if there was a drafting error in it, I didn't catch it, Senator Wehrbein, because it should be "may" all the way through.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I'm not sure whether...