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Obviously, once every 20 years is not a frequent change, but my question specifically is, do you have an idea if the \$50 per diem is comparable to other agencies that have similar types of responsibilities?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR WARNER: No, you don't know or, no, they're not?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I do not know. I am sorry, Senator Warner.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of LB 114 introduced by Senator Schimek and I just wanted to clarify that the commission at one time did not provide for members of the Ponca Tribe because the tribe went through what I believe was called a deed registration process. The tribe has since that time asked that they be officially recognized again and as such they would like to be members of the Indian Commission and I believe that Senator Schimek has adequately explained that, but there is a process whereby they can do so and, of course, if they do become again a registered tribe in Nebraska, then it is just only fair that they be allowed a place on the Indian Commission. And I also support the increase in the per diem. We have increases in per diem for other entities this session, and I think that is probably in order and in line with what is consistent for other entities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Schimek, do you have a closing statement?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The only thing that I would say in closing is, Senator Pirsch, I believe that I misspoke. If I said that the commission increases, that is incorrect. The numbers on the commission would decrease by one. Otherwise I would just move advancement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We'll now proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 114. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to