

Senator Warner's recommendation is to put a cap on it, and saying no more than \$250 shall be allowed. Now these are not the expert witnesses that would appear at a trial, these are the three free-holders that go out and are appointed to do this. This would add a lot more stability, it would also cap, so you don't get these large fees that may occur at some times. They still could be determined on an hourly rate, up to the cap, or they could, the county judge could allow some fee less than that. All this does is add more stability, allows the county judge the discretion to go below that amount. The 250 does not include mileage, mileage is in excess of this. So, if the property is quite a ways away, or if you're a state and you have to travel out to the western part of the state for some reason, you still get mileage to do that. This merely is their fees for compensation. With that, Madam President, I'd be glad to answer any questions and would urge the body to advance this measure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Is there anyone who wishes to debate this bill? Seeing none, we will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 303. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 303 is advanced. LB 343.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 343 is a bill that was introduced by Senators Hartnett, Beyer and Withem. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 16. It was referred to Judiciary Committee, they report the bill to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, I am handling LB 343 in Senator Hartnett's absence. A fairly simple bill. Several places in our county statutes there is a population limitation of 100,000. Counties above 100,000 perform actions of particular manner, counties below that in a different manner. The 100,000 figure was chosen several years ago, because it accommodated two counties in the state, Douglas and Lancaster. Sarpy County, according to our census figures, is above 100,000, so you probably notice there have been a