

(Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 18, was referred to Judiciary Committee, they report the bill to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. LB 422 is a typical consent calendar bill, but it's one that I want to just briefly explain to you. Currently, if you get a judgment in a county court, now we have two courts in Nebraska at the trial level, the district court, and the county court. County court handles those matters of \$10,000 or less, they handle the probate matters and so on. If you get a judgment, let's say you sue someone on an account, that's where most of the accounts are sued upon, they didn't pay their farmer's union bill, or they didn't pay their catering bill, or whatever, and you go and get a judgment in county court, and they live in another county, how do you go after them to collect your money? You must collect your judgment in some manner. That judgment, right now, has to be transferred from the county court, in the county in which you got the judgment, to the district court in which they live, and then you go after them and execute that way, execute could be take their property, garnish their wage, do a wide variety of things that they may have to enforce their judgment. The problem is when you go from a county court to a district court, the courts have become fairly complex and have different forms, different procedures. And the district courts, in many cases, are a lot more congested, they're difficult to get through, for timing wise it's a lot easier to go from a county court to a county court, because the county courts in this state are unified, they have the same forms put out, their associations have gotten together and it's a lot simpler procedure to do. This bill would simply allow you, once you have a judgment rendered in a county court, that you can have that judgment filed in the county court of any other county, and you don't have to go to the district court. It's a matter of easier registration and collection of judgments. I think that it's a matter that needs to be cleaned up. The Judiciary Committee voted to advance the bill without any amendments, and there was no dissent. With that, Madam President, I would ask the body's favorable approval and advance this on to E & R initial. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Are there any senators who wish to debate this bill? Seeing none, we will