

SPEAKER BAACK: Are there any questions of the amendment offered by Senator Kristensen? Seeing none, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment as offered by Senator Kristensen. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Kristensen's amendment is adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to amend. Senator, I have amendment 919. That's printed in the Journal.

SENATOR ASHFORD: And I would withdraw that amendment, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Ashford would move to amend the bill. Senator, I now have your AM1073 that you gave me today. (The Ashford amendment appears on pages 1436-40 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment has not been printed in the Journal. It has been handed out, I believe, or maybe it has not been handed out. But what it does very simply is incorporates into this piece of legislation a bill that was voted out of the Judiciary Committee and is sitting on General File which provides that the jurisdictional limit...let me go back just a moment. The county courts in the State of Nebraska have concurrent jurisdiction which means identical jurisdiction, the same authority to hear cases involving amounts in dispute of up to \$10,000. That's the current law. I originally filed or introduced a bill which would have increased that jurisdictional limit in the county court to \$25,000. This...the bill, as voted out of the Judiciary Committee and now incorporated in my...the amendments to LB 422 would provide for a jurisdictional limit in the county courts of \$15,000. The purpose for this, quite simply, is that the district courts have unlimited jurisdiction on...in amounts of controversy between two litigants in a lawsuit. It is my