

hope that with the county court jurisdictional limit being raised to 15,000 that the county courts can take over some of that load that the district courts have had. For example, the average cost or value of an automobile, new automobile today exceeds \$15,000 and in many cases the disputes in county court involve property damage accidents involving motor vehicles and oftentimes the damages will exceed just because the value of that vehicle probably in many cases exceeds \$10,000, the amount in controversy exceeds the \$10,000 limit and instead of putting those cases over into the district court which, quite frankly, has other more significant matters to deal with, we're raising the jurisdictional limit here to 15,000 and try to include some of those cases that can easily be settled by the county court at that level. There was an increase to \$10,000 a few years ago. I believe...I don't believe there is any objection to this amendment by the Bar Association or by Senator, certainly Senator Chizek, and other members of the Judiciary Committee. So, with that, I would just move this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there discussion of the amendment offered by Senator Ashford? Seeing none, Senator Ashford, do you wish to close?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Waive closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment as offered by Senator Ashford. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the amendment offered by Senator Ashford. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment offered by Senator Ashford is adopted? Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 422 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 422. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. It is advanced. LB 625.