

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would you read that, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, it's the one that reads, on page 4, line 2, strike "nine" and insert "six".

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would ask Senator Kristensen, are you dealing with this matter in your amendment, Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Then I would withdraw the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Haberman. Senator, your amendment is on page 1197 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes. I'm with you. Mr. President, members of the body, we have heard that the citizens of the State of Nebraska overwhelmingly approved this constitutional amendment. At that time we were told that there was a backlog case of 1250 cases in the Supreme Court; today there are 650. We didn't tell the citizens that it was going to cost them, in four years, \$2,197,000, we forgot to tell them that. That's what this new system is going to cost. But I appreciate the fact the bill is going to pass. So my amendment merely states, the Court of Appeals shall have its principle administrative office in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Court of Appeals shall hear arguments on a case in the Supreme Court judicial district where the decision appealed was rendered. This means that everybody doesn't have to run down to Lincoln. As it is now, the person hires an attorney, they pay the hourly rate, they pay the travel, the motel, meals, they pay the whole thing. This brings the court to the people. The people do not have to run to the court, to the seat of power in Lincoln. It also says that each judge of the Court of Appeals shall reside and maintain his or her office in the Supreme Court judicial district from which he or she was appointed. Now there is nothing wrong with this, this just merely says that of the district courts, the districts, that he or she shall reside there and maintain his or her office. So, again, we're taking the court system to the people. The people, it says, voted this in. The people are going to spend the