

this provision which was an increase in the documentary tax that...documentary stamp tax, I should say, that there was an increase proposed in it of 25 cents. The committee amendment removes that and retains the balance of the changes that are in the act. And I would move the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Any discussion on the committee amendments to LB 288? Senator Warner, your light is the only light. Seeing no discussion on the committee amendments, the question is, shall the committee amendments to LB 288 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 288. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill? Senator Lynch, would you like to open on LB 288?

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you, Madam President, and members, anybody been to a store lately and buy something and the clerk picks it up as you walk out of the store, or before you walk out, or supposedly and, hopefully, before you walk out, and then runs it over a machine that has five or six crosses in it and something electronically picks up from a bar how much it costs and automatically records it, etcetera? Well, that kind of technology exists now in Douglas County's Register of Deeds Office and, to be completely frank, that bar scanner can scan about 60 pages a minute. While it's doing that, it can make two original microfilms. It eliminates the need in the Douglas County Register of Deeds Office for about 1,500 reams of paper a year and a 30,000 dollar copier and a person to operate the copier. And with this kind of automation coding bar why it's necessary though to have, on that document, a blank space at the top of the first page, and that's generally what the most important part of this bill does. The first part of it simply...it makes two changes. It just simply requires that this blank space exist on the top of all of these documents. Now I know that all of the counties in the state are not equipped technology-wise to do this but, hopefully, some day they will. And, of course, the state, in cooperation with the counties, is working towards this as well, but the technology