

richer or for poorer and we all know that marriages sometimes don't work out and battering, abuse and victims happen, and there's no better institution to help on this particular program than this particular fee. Twenty-five dollars is not enough...is not even enough, but, nonetheless, it's not too high for people to pay for all of the trials and tribulations and good times sometimes that are going to be open to them in the future of their marriage. This would give about \$150,000. It was at \$15. We've already cut it back to ten, and if we don't do it here, members of the body, I'm telling you we will not do it anywhere. If other bills comes through that raise fees, they will be filibustered. This is the only time to do this. In our part of the state, central and western Nebraska, this is crucial, absolutely critical. Senator Schimek made an argument on the administrative fee,...

PRESIDENT POBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...this bill does not affect the administrative fee. In fact, we keep Senator Schimek's fee. If they didn't have...if they didn't get enough money for their administrative costs, they should have asked for it. They asked for five, they've got it. What the bottom line is, the counties want to be able to come back and increase the fee further and then this fee will be gone as well. You can choose administrative costs and this body will pass administrative costs, this bill will pass and you increase the fee for administrative costs. I'm asking you to increase the fee a little more so that we can not help administration but we can help victims of domestic violence and abuse. I think it's a small price to pay and a tremendous gain that can be received from all people in Nebraska who are in terrible, terrible need. I urge the return of the bill for this specific amendment, and I thank the body's time on this matter.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The question before the body is the motion to return LB 202 to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 24 nays on the motion to return the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion fails.