

provision is that we would take the county court judicial districts and the district court judicial districts, which are one and the same virtually, and make them be the nominating commission districts for both county court and district court. And the only exception to that would be down in the southeast corner of the state where you have District 1 and District 10 and you will see that they overlap in one county. Fillmore County is in both of those districts. So we're going to except those two and also Douglas and Lancaster County, but, otherwise, if a judicial nominating district is in existence, it would nominate both county court and district court judges. And the reason for this is that it's sometimes been very difficult to find people and to keep candidates serving on these judicial nominating commissions, so we've had vacancies and commissions really functioning below capacity. Oftentimes, a commission will be impaneled that the judicial vacancy would not occur or would occur only once which meant the commission had little opportunity to gain experience. And I think that if we combine these two and have them operating more often, you will have better education and training and, hopefully, a better functioning judicial commission. The other part of this that was added into the bill this year would require the Governor to appoint two alternate citizen members to judicial nominating commissions to serve for four years, and then an alternate lawyer member's term would be amended from two to four years. So, with that, I would simply urge the adoption of 303, as amended. I would be happy to try to answer any questions.

SENATOR LANDIS: There is a light on, Senator Hartnett's light. Senator.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Presiding Officer, new title for you, Senator Landis, members of the body, as Senator Lindsay opened on his opening, I had LB 603 as part of this. The big issue for me was that when we're sending someone to the Governor's, that eight people were there to vote. There were the four lawyers and the four lay people, and that was the big issue which was part of 303, and I simply ask for the advancement of 303, as amended.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Schimek, to close. Waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 303. Following this vote, I will ask the Clerk for items for the record and entertain a motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. No. Well, I would entertain it but I