

at amending that into the bill on Select File also, but right now that's not the thought.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I was just curious because obviously there was some discussion about that and it's a bill that I think is important. It would be good to see that it was at least put before the body this year. With that, thank you.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: We're going to work to do that. That could have, I think would have been a consent calendar bill. It was worked, brought out of the committee with an administrative error to it that kept it off of the consent calendar, so we're looking to make sure that we handle that because it is an important issue.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad, Senator Vrtiska. No further lights on. Senator Maurstad, do you have a closing? Closing is waived. Question is, shall LB 194 be advanced? All in favor vote yes, all opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 194.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 194 advances. LB 756.

CLERK: LB 756 introduced by Senator Hartnett and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to Urban Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as the Clerk said, it was heard by the Urban Affairs Committee, no votes against it. It was a bill we had last year. It came out of a concern of fire districts and fire prevention districts of getting board members to serve on the board of directors. It does two things. It first increases per diem paid to the members of the board of directors of a fire protection district, both rural and suburban, from the existing sum of \$10 per meeting to \$25 per meeting and permits the per diem to be paid for 12 meetings per year instead of the existing statutory maximum of 4 meetings per year. This has not been changed in the statutes since the year 1969. And second, the bill authorized the reimbursement of board members of the actual