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SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, by the way, it's my turn to speak and maybe I'll just make a comment about people are asking, as they tend to, what would be my intention in terms of how much longer to stay in session today. What I've done is I've put a motion up on the desk, and I've asked the Lieutenant Governor to take up the motion to adjournment immediately after the...we have completed the bill we're discussing when two o'clock hits. So right around two o'clock we'll finish that piece of business and then I'll ask that that motion be brought forward. Obviously, if you want to stay longer, I'm willing. And if you want to vote down the motion to adjourn and stay longer, process more bills, I certainly will not take it as a personal affront. But people have been asking and that would be my recommendation. But certainly do as you please when that amendment comes...motion comes forward. The bill, LB 285, is a Sarpy County bill. Deals with the growth in Sarpy County, and you've seen a number of these bills over the years where 100,000 used to be the magic number where provisions of county law would change. When a county got to be 100,000, and that was passed years ago when Sarpy County was a sleepy little bedroom county of...or a little rural county of a few thousand people, and Lancaster County was the next largest. So a number of things that applied for Lancaster and Douglas County we're now finding Sarpy County coming into those statutory areas. The one we're talking about here is the ability of cities to contract with deputy county attorneys for the purpose of prosecuting city ordinances. The practice in Sarpy County, prior to this time, was that...was that the cities had an agreement with the county attorneys office to contract with the deputy county attorneys to do the prosecuting work for the city. The law currently states, however, when a county is more than 100,000 in population the county att...deputy county attorneys can have...cannot represent any other political subdivision other than the county. This would simply raise that number to 200,000, so the previous practice in Sarpy County could continue. I would respond to any questions you might have.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 285? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 285. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.