

CLERK: 25 ayes, 13 nays on the amendment, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. At eleven o'clock, we are to go to LB 394, right, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I believe that is correct, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Before we do that, I would just like to introduce some guests of Senator Doug Kristensen who are in the north balcony. They are 16 senators, seniors, excuse me, 16 seniors and their teacher from Wilcox High School in Wilcox, Nebraska. And also there are 20 third and fourth graders and their teacher from Kearney, Nebraska, and they are from the Kearney Christian School in Kearney. Would you...and also in that balcony, there as guests of Senator Schimek, there are 50 sixth graders from Prescott School in Lincoln. Would you all please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Also Senator Ray Janssen has Paul Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Kristina Johnson, and Mike Guilliat from Fremont, and they are guests here today, again under the north balcony. So would you please stand and be welcomed. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk, LB 394.

CLERK: LB 394, Madam President, a bill by Senator Withem at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to the Appropriations Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending, Madam President. (See AM1757 on page 1886 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. On the committee amendments, Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker and members, the committee amendments simply bring in the current figures that we should have for these constitutional officers, which includes judges, elected constitutional officers, the Parole Board, and the Tax Commissioner. The bill provides the salaries as set by law for most of the constitutional officers, also provides for an increase in the salaries of the judges and Parole Board of 4 percent in '95-96, 3 1/2 percent in '96-97. The amounts would be a total of \$13,094,396 in '95-96, \$13,515,141 in 1996-97, and I would urge your...it simply gets our salaries to the place that they should be. I would ask for your consideration of the