

attorneys. LB 1249 would correct the problem created by the court's decision while addressing the court's concern. This bill would allow all parties to agree that choosing the juries ahead of time would be fine. This argument would be shown by a joint stipulation signed by all parties and filed with the court. Therefore, nobody would be forced to use this process if there were fears of jury misconduct in a particular trial. This would be a valuable tool in answering problems which is causing difficulties for many counties and which could save counties and clients significant costs. I feel this is a necessary tool to give back to the counties as we have asked them to cut costs, and I ask for your support of 1249.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the opening. Senator Schimek for discussion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Janssen, I need to ask you a few questions. This makes me a little nervous.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Fine.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Now we just amended this to apply only to county courts, correct?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And you said that this would have to be agreed to by both parties.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The thing that I want you to explain to me is the type of cases that we're talking about here. I mean I know we're not talking about...well, we could be maybe, talking about real serious felony cases.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Could you...

SENATOR JANSSEN: In a county court.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Could you elaborate a little bit the kind of