

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

March 19, 1999 LB 72, 73

has been expressed by more...I'm not saying that's the Judiciary Committee view, but I'm saying it's been expressed by, I think, I can accurately represent a majority of the Judiciary Committee as people have come and worried about things. I think Senator Vrtiska would have a great deal more trouble coming back with a Richardson County amendment now. I don't think that's a good site, given what will be happening in what I call "Senator Bird's" district with regard to the new prison. But there are benefits that come from, (laugh)...you know, "Senator Harry Bird". I mean if you can...if you can save Peru and capture a prison all at the same time for your district, you are a great legislator. (Laughter.) All right. Having stumbled into all of that, I.... Dealing with the economics of what this bill does to Lancaster County, I don't think is as significant as all of the good, good faith effort that has gone into putting 72 and (LB) 73, and the amendment is 73, putting this all together in order that we can produce this good piece of legislation. I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Further discussion, Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just rise to echo, frankly, our Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's comments. That is a fiscal matter. If you look on the fiscal note of 73, the impact on the political subdivisions is indeterminable. If we are to fashion some sort of idea or response or a...(MICROPHONE MALFUNCTION) ...possible fiscal impact to this bill, now is not the time to do it. I would think that that's a different issue. It's not the issue before us, and would urge the body simply to adopt AM0852 and readvance LB 72 to Final Reading. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Schmitt, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I just wanted to rise, with my law enforcement background, to say I've had people come back and ask me how I felt. I am going to support to advance this. Unless there's something hidden in there that I don't find, I think it's probably the proper thing to do. And