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LB 348

title.) Introduced on January 11, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM1332, Legislative Journal page 1315.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on LB 348.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. LB 348 would give the Supreme Court the ability to periodically change the bill of exceptions fee without having to amend the statute each time the court changes the fee. The current bill of exceptions fee is \$2.75 per page for the original copy, and 50 cents per page for each additional copy. In the district court, the court reporters receive the bill of exceptions fee, in addition to their base salary. In county court, the bill of exception fee is remitted to the general fund. This bill would remove any statutory reference to a specific dollar amount, and allow the Supreme Court to establish that amount outside of statute. That is what LB 348 does, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on LB 348. There are committee amendments. Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments, as Chairman of the committee.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As the Judiciary Committee does from time to time, we incorporate a number of bills into a particular measure. The committee designated LB 348 as one of its priority bills, and then, subsequent to that, we found that there was support for several other measures. And lest I give the body the impression that I was the one who put together this fee packages and the judges' salaries and that, to be honest, the heavy lifting was done by Senator Brashear and his staff and the Judiciary Committee staff. But with that, I would yield the remainder of my opening to Senator Brashear, to discuss the various measures that are in the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brashear, you're recognized.