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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...start that at my earliest opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to LB 529?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are committee amendments from the Judiciary Committee. (AM0215, Legislative Journal page 648, First Session, 2005.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Bourne, you're recognized to open on Judiciary Committee AM0215.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The committee amendment to LB 529 makes the following changes to the green copy of the bill. It inserts a new Section 33 to change the district court fee for a writ of execution, restitution, garnishment, attachment, and examination in aid of execution from \$5 to \$10. It clarifies that until the position of the district court clerk is a state employee position, the appointment of such person shall be subject to the approval of the appropriate county board. In counties having a population of 200,000 or more, child support referees and their staffs are not included in the transfer from county to state employment. In counties having a population of 400,000 or more, conciliation court employees and their staffs, and court administrators and their staffs are not included in the transfer. The amendment further clarifies that county employees who participated in the Nebraska county retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, and elected not to participate in the cash balance benefit option, may participate in the defined contribution benefit option of the state employees retirement system. AM0215 amends Section 55 of the bill that appropriates \$25,000 for the State Court Administrator to conduct a study of the salaries of the district court clerks, the county court clerks, and the employees of the district court. The amendment would allow the court to do a comparison study of the benefits as well. This amendment also makes other technical changes. I would urge the body to adopt the committee amendments to LB 529. Senator Beutler is going to propose the next amendment. I guess it's AM1795. This amendment incorporates the committee amendments that I have just