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ability of a court reporter to do the same thing. It also has in the other bill put the court reporters under the Supreme Court as I think he should be. I think he'd be in a better position to have these taken care of there than where they are now. There is another bill by the Judiciary Committee which we were probably going to introduce again. This undoubtedly would eliminate that in effect and if you adopt this amendment, it'll expedite the business to that extent. My understanding is no adverse acceptance from anyone that I know of that's from the Supreme Court, the court reporters, and things of that nature. I don't mean to say there might not be one or two who might not be too enthusiastic but I think it's a good thing for us to do.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fellman. Do you wish to be heard on the Carpenter amendment.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Will Senator Carpenter yield? I have a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Will Senator Carpenter yield?

SENATOR FELLMAN: Does this take the salary, the setting of salaries permanently and place it under the Supreme Court?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, provided that the Supreme Court will do nothing to disturb what this Body passes this year and the salary they're asking for, which I understand is \$14,000.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Then that means in subsequent years for increases in salaries, it would be part of the appropriation of the Supreme Court?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, that's exactly so.

SENATOR FELLMAN: What about the hiring and firing of court reporters? Who has, where does that rest?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would presume in the same position but I'd like Senator Luedtke to supplement that. I think that's correct.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Would the Supreme Court would have the right to both hire and fire the court reporters for the individual district judge?

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, Mr. President, in answer to Senator Fellman. Under Section 1 of the proposed amendment, you will note, it says court reporters and other persons employed shall be appointed by the judge under whose direction they work which is the same as it is now.

SENATOR FELLMAN: So the district judge would still have the right to hire or fire his own court reporter?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: He would continue to do that but the only difference would be that as Senator Carpenter suggests that the Supreme Court's budget, it would all be consolidated and we could see it, better under one budgetary item.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Isn't there now a differential in court reporters in the metropolitan areas or are they all paid the same?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think they're all paid the same.

SENATOR FELLMAN: What does this do to Senator Kime's bill in the proposal that was authorized mileage from residence to court for the reporter?