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SENATOR WHITNEY: But does this change the amount of salaries of the Judges? During the period of time that you want this to be done.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, of course it changes it, if you will note from each category it's move up to a certain amount, and then from that date forth, then the percentage is applicable, because we are figuring it to the date that I have just put in here, October 1974, and I can tell you what the cost of living index is up to that date, and the amount that we have in that bill, for example Supreme Court Judges, \$30,500 or \$35,500, District Court Judges from \$27,500 to \$32,500. If you apply the cost of living index to those, there are little bit behind. They are not quite up to the cost of living index. Then from October, 74 on, you would apply it, so that every year then, October 75, October 76, and then every year on that particular, that particular cost of living index would be applied to the Judges pay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well, Senator Luedtke, could you tell me what the Chief Justice's salary?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: The Chief Justice is the same as the Associate Justices. They are all the same. It's now \$30,500. And it would go to \$35,500.

SENATOR MAHONEY: It would be \$5,000 apiece. How about districts?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: District goes from \$27,500 to \$32,500. Which is ...they are all the same. They are all five Senator Mahoney. And that's the cost ...the cost of living for example, from December 72 to December 73 from the time the last cost of living index went...well the last raise went into affect for the Judges was 8.79%, and when you apply that to the 27.5, which went into affect in January of 73. There would \$2,417 raise, so you see it wouldn't quite...as far as the amount...there would be a just a little bit under.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I have a question for Senator Luedtke, please. This is an increase only in the...only when there is an increase in the cost of living.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That is correct.

SENATOR MARSH: There would be a decrease if there is a decrease in the cost of living.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, and there is no freeze in the clause. It says that it won't go down...it would go down if we would ever see such a day.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to ask a question of Senator Luedtke. You are also raising the County Judges.

SENATOR CLARK: That went in last year at \$20,000. It had five