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judge, strike any county district judge, any county judge district having a population of one hundred thousand or more according to the last federal decennial census. Signed Senator Stull.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would offer this amendment, I don't know how we could determine to give the outstate judges an increase from 20 thousand to 25 and then in the metropolitan area paying our judges a salary of 34,000. Now we have this provision in the bill at this time, that in these counties over 150 thousand population, that the county board may pay them an additional 25 hundred dollars a year. Now, I think we've got to be honest with ourselves and be honest with these judges outstate. I think probably it was a mistake originally to give the metropolitan judges 7,000 dollars a year more than we paid the outstate judges. I know that judges outstate that I'm acquainted with, I think they have all the qualifications, they have the same work load as the people in the metropolitan area, I think that was one thing that was in the Court Reform Bill, where the case load was built up, they have additional judges. I think we've got to be uniform in this salary increase. I just couldn't buy this amendment of Senator Cavanaugh's under any circumstances. I move the adoption of my amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak, do you wish to be heard on Senator Stull's amendment, Senator Cavanaugh's amendment?

SENATOR DWORAK: I'd like to ask Senator Luedtke a question, Mr. President. I'd like to ask if these are not the same people, most of the same people, that were judges prior to the court reform two years ago. Are we not talking about basically the same people?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No, I don't believe so, because there were a great number of changes in the election. You see, they were elected, as you know. We're talking about those people who were elected after the Court Reform Act went in. That's what we're talking about. The ones that were elected by you in your district and we in our district.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Have you completed, Senator Dworak?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of Senator Luedtke please. Senator Luedtke, Senator Dworak's question, then for the clarification of everyone, those judges in the county court houses, they are not the ones we're talking about here today.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, I don't know what judges you're talking about. I'm talking about the elected....