

SENATOR MURPHY: I would like to address a response a little bit, I guess, to Senator Dworak's concern. Senator Dworak, this salary that is being proposed is based on a 6-hour working day so if you're going to pay \$120 a day, it would be the equivalent of paying a working stiff who was doing 8 hours, \$160 a day. The court last year heard 34 bills, there were 5 judges and it does seem to me as it must to you that this is not really a burdensome chore for 5 judges to hear 34 cases particularly at that kind of a rate and particularly in view of the fact that they also have considerable staff personnel. Some rather well paid, to assist in their deliberations.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion to amend offered by Senator Newell. Read amendment. Signed Senator Newell.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. The purpose of this amendment after I withdrew the other one, which would make it a full-time position, is one of the things we have now. It's very difficult to get somebody to serve as presiding judge. I think that this would add as an incentive to serve as presiding judge. The presiding judge has other duties and responsibilities of trying to coordinate the docket, trying to speed up the process of the court and so forth. I think that my concern is the court is probably the slowest thing in the whole world and it's just unnecessary and I hope this would offer in some way an incentive to serve as presiding judge and maybe in that way we can get, at least provide some compensation for that kind of responsibility and maybe also it might do something to speed up the work.

PRESIDENT: We have about ½ minute left. Senator Brennan. Senator Keyes, we have 20 seconds left.

SENATOR KEYES: I for 20 seconds and the bill is now, now we go into something that's noncontroversial because my question would take longer than 20 seconds to ask.

PRESIDENT: That's what I thought. Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Is that amendment accepted?

PRESIDENT: No, it's just before us.

SENATOR BRENNAN: I move this amendment be rejected and we advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: It's easier to just vote it down than to move to reject it. But we're out of time anyway. We move to LB 218. Marvin Hartwig County Commissioner of Cedar County is under the North Balcony. He's a guest of Senator Hefner. Mr. Hartwig would you please stand and be recognized? Thank you for being with us. Now LB 218. Senator Mills isn't here, we go to Banking. LB 332.