

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you, that's all I wanted to know. Beings they aren't having any trouble hiring these people, this is a 10% raise, which is more than the state employees are getting. I would certainly back Senator Kelly's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: I rise to oppose this amendment. This bill was put in at \$157 is what the district judges. If you want some competence on that court, you're going to have to pay these people. I don't think we're going to be able to retain the people we have and I don't know if we'd be able to retain them at \$120. Senator Kelly says there is an auction. We had an auction in the committee and according to the report in the committee, it was voted out 7-0.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis has called for the previous question. Do I see five seconds? I do. The question now is shall debate now cease? Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: I've got a lot of lights on here. Do you all want to talk on the \$110 figure? The motion fails. Senator Nichol, do you want to talk on the \$110? (No response). Senator Chambers, do you want to talk on the \$110?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm opposed to it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy, \$110?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, Sir, I'd like to respond to I think what have been some misapprehensions created here that these people are furnishing their own secretarial staff, that they are furnishing their own supplies, that they travel at their own expense. The law is specific. They are allowed necessary travel and expense which covers all of their supplies. In addition, they have one attorney on staff and they have three secretaries, one law clerk, one legal secretary, one secretary, and the total ball of wax in salaries runs something like \$2,000 per case. So let's not all cry about the situation they are in. They are well paid for the service they render.

PRESIDENT: Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: If Senator Murphy was alluding to anything I said, I didn't say they paid their own travel expenses. I said they furnish their office and I said they furnish some of their own supplies.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly would you want to close debate on your \$110 motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion to amend the Kelly amendment, to increase the salary to \$140. Signed Senator Newell. No, Signed Senator Luedtke.

PRESIDENT: What was the committee report? Chair recognizes Senator Luedtke. We're now on the \$140 amendment. It's an amendment to an amendment.