

high quality, good minds interpreting the statutes. Most of us don't know what it is like to be before a judge and wonder if the judge understands the law. Senator Hefner, when you say you can get plenty of people to take the job, you can go down on the corner of 13th and "O", and you won't have to stand there very long, and you'll find someone who just squelched out of law school...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and you can make a judge out of him, you can make a judge out of him. But that person is not qualified to interpret the law. You ought to be glad you've got people who will take the abuse and do the job and make the sacrifices, and how you can possibly stand here on this floor and argue for tax breaks for people who make a quarter of a million, a half a million, a million dollars, who are worth a hundred million dollars, and then turn around and say that a member of the judiciary, you are going to cut him down from 5 to 3 percent, Senator Hefner, you belie belief in what is equitable and where equity lies. I don't think that you understand what you are doing. It may sound good back in Coleridge, it doesn't sound good back in Coleridge if you have a farmer who comes before the court sometime and doesn't have a qualified judge, and you are lucky because you have good judges up there. I want to...just want to say one more thing, Senator. We have good members of the judiciary, and you say so,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...but, if we depended upon people like yourself to provide the compensation, we might not have. I oppose the Hefner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. An amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator wesely would move to amend the Hefner amendment. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1600 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. The amendment I have before you, which has been noted in the papers a little bit, would name Judge Nuernberger as a State Saint. I do this to try to draw attention to a fact I would like to share with