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SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, there are two aspects to that, one of which I can answer fairly specifically and the other I can only answer anecdotally, to be honest with you. The judges' retirement program, I think, compares well nationally. As far as salaries are concerned, I did pass out to you a document showing the salaries of Nebraska judges as compared to judges in the other western states. This was a recent survey done by the Western Governors...thank you, Senator Brown...Conference, and as you can see, we are generally behind California, Arizona and Washington, and considerably higher than Iowa, Colorado, Kansas...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and South Dakota--our surrounding states.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes and Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment on the bill?

CLERK: Well, I have an amendment on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: I'll recognize Senator Beutler, I don't see Senator Brashear, to give us an idea of where we're going with this amendment that just came to the Clerk.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, Mr. Clerk, is the amendment drafted as an amendment to the bill?

CLERK: It's drafted to AM1720, Senator, which is I think...I think that's the original Senator Brashear's amendment that was considered on General File. That's how it's drafted.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so I would need to withdraw this amendment in order to introduce...

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that amendment.