

the bill, nor a necessity for it. So I think I will just sit back and watch the vote. I'm wondering if Senator Johnson, Senator Hoagland or any of the other attorneys will address themselves to the contents of the bill to see whether or not they think it has merit and should be passed by the Legislature. If they feel it has merit, I think they ought to share that feeling with the Legislature so that some legal direction and guidance can be offered. If they don't want to put that hat upon their heads, frankly I cannot blame them because perhaps they were not consulted when the bill was introduced but in this particular case, I don't think the committee should be viewed too harshly for having offered this bill for the court administrator because, think, if you are told that this is something that the Supreme Court wants and you tend to hold badges and titles in awe, you can understand why the committee members will say, ah, here comes the Supreme Court and offer the bill even though they can't completely justify it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have to defend the chairman of our committee and I have to oppose Senator Warner's motion. If, in fact, you read the whole bill as it has been amended, it is not unusual that we do this. The Legislature can appoint its staff as they deem necessary. We do not, in law or by constitution, say the Legislature shall appoint a clerk, shall appoint this, that or whatever. We struck a major part of the law and if you want to look at it it is really a cleansing of the constitution and expediting the court, helping the court to be efficient and to appoint such officers as are necessary to expedite the business of one of the most important branches of the State of Nebraska. For us to sit here and try to spell out in the constitution the kinds of staff that this court, the high court of this state, might need, I don't believe is very wise. \$25,000, it all depends whose bull is being gored. It is always neat that we bring up \$25,000 because we have some quirk about us that we do not believe in a constitutional amendment. You will note, Senator Warner and others, that the Legislature still has control of the purse. That language was not struck. It remains. The Supreme Court shall bring and they do bring now presently their budget to the chancellor of the exchequer who is the chairman of the Appropriations Committee and then that body in their wisdom will determine whether that court is demanding