

too much. Now I see yesterday the Appropriations Committee had a hearing where one officer of this state was recommended for a \$10,000 increase. Now that individual may be worthy of this. I am not going to guess that but the members of the Appropriations Committee are going to have to make that determination and for us to appoint people in that office by the constitution that says their term shall be six years, is not good business and you know that. That is the longest term in the State of Nebraska, except the judges. Let the court determine the length of the appointment when they establish what kinds of staff they need to expedite and to carry out a more efficient court system. That is what this bill is about. We have other pieces of language in our constitution that we should purge as well, where in the past for some reason, we have tried to place in the constitution a great deal of verbage trying to be so definitive that, in fact, you have become inflexible and, in fact, inefficient and, in fact also, cost foolish. For a clerk to act as a librarian of a court that is very sophisticated, very complicated and difficult to understand, I don't believe is in the best interest of us because to me a clerk should perform other functions. A librarian is a highly trained, skilled individual. I believe that body should have the right to select a librarian based upon the qualifications and write out the job responsibility in the target. I'm going to oppose Senator Warner's proposal because I don't believe some of you read the amendment. If it was my amendment which says, to strike a lot of that garbage and get down and allow the court to appoint people and let the Legislature then determine whether or not they are over-staffed, whether or not they are oversalaried because we do that through the appropriations process and then the appropriations process comes here and we have one last chance to see how much that agency is getting and whether or not they are indeed overpaying their staff or overstaffing, dependent upon the business of, in this case, the Judiciary Branch. So I would oppose Senator Warner's motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, fellow colleagues, I rise to support Senator Warner in his motion to indefinitely postpone for all of the reasons that have been stated plus I don't care to have an albatross like this hanging around my neck when I go home.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, you may close on your motion to indefinitely postpone.