

that these supplements were there. Now in discussing what we thought would be a suitable group of salaries suggested to this body, we as a Committee had to decide whether or not we would use the supplements or do away with them. We chose to do away with them for the reason that it would put them on a commensurate basis with each other so that you as a group could look at these various judges' salaries raises and decide for yourself if they were really commensurate with each other and in relation to each other where they ought to be. Now if we adopt these amendments to the Committee amendments as Senator Lewis is suggesting, you're going to throw the whole thing out of kilter. These amendments to the amendments are not what we need at this time. If at a later time we want to change a salary, or change something, then is the time to do it, and if we want to suggest, if we want to have supplements at a later time in our discussion, that is the time to come in, but for the present I would suggest that we do not use the Lewis amendments, because we would not be able to show you on the handouts that we have given you how this would affect it. Now we could subtract the amount that is currently being paid in the supplements and come up or arrive at the same figure that way, but to deliberately throw the report out, deliberately throw out the study that the various members of the Judiciary Committee have made is ridiculous at this time. I strongly urge you to oppose the Lewis amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I missed out on part of the debate, but I certainly am interested in what the judges' salaries are to be in the future. It seems real strange to me that we sit here as a Legislature and we're bending ourselves out of shape trying to stay within a 7 percent lid on all our state employees and all the things that we do with state government, but we evidently do not include judges in this, because I haven't seen any of these figures yet that are anywhere near 7 percent. So I guess, from what I know about it, I would oppose the Lewis amendment and hope that we could go on a short-term basis rather than a long-term basis because if we're as optimistic as we think we are about stopping inflation, perhaps we ought to do it a year or two at a time. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis. Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. The question is, shall