

April 17, 1979

LB 398

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR RUMERY: The figures that you were giving us here a moment ago reported salaries, salaries and then some of them were plus supplements.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR RUMERY: Now all the judges in the state do not get supplement and what is the reason for that?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right. Senator Rumery, the reason for that is in Lancaster, Sarpy and Douglas County, they are allowed to pay additional money to their District Municipal judges and the county judges if they want to out of their own resources, not from the state resources, and they have been doing that in the past and they would like to continue to do so. So these figures that I gave to you would be plus the supplement, whatever it is, from those entities.

SENATOR RUMERY: In other words, the County Boards make up that or make that decision. Is that right?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes.

SENATOR RUMERY: And, does the law prevent all the other counties from doing...offering this supplement?

SENATOR NICHOL: I believe that it does because of population of counties. Senator Rumery, in one case it is 150,000 population and over and in the other it is 100,000 and over. Now in the county I believe it is 100,000 and the judicial district court district is 150,000.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you. I get information out our way every once in a while and you probably do also that when they talk about the case load for the judges in the east end of the state compared to outstate, some of my judges impress upon me that the case loads probably are about the same or not as much difference as a lot of people think they are and I suppose it hinges, that in the beginning, hinged on this supplement payment. Is that right?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I believe so. Now there is a disagreement as to whether or not the judges, let's call them outstate, are as busy as those in the metropolitan areas