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and according to the Hay report, it seems that that is perhaps somewhat true.

SENATOR RUMERY: Do you have any suggestions as what we might do to correct this?

SENATOR NICHOL: Well of course... No, I don't but I would just say, Senator Rumery that in my opinion I intended to follow the lines as the committee amendments adjusted the program but the amendments have been changed.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have a question of Senator Nichol, please? Senator Nichol, now as I understand it the committee amendment to the bill has been revised considerably as a result of the Lewis amendment and the salaries have been increased sharply. Is that correct?

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, they have been increased some and we don't know what the supplement would be. We know what the supplements are now but we don't know what they would be in the future. If they would continue as they have been in the past they would raise from \$1,500 to \$2,500, somewhere in that neighborhood unless those entities chose to increase it more.

SENATOR LAMB: But would it be a fair statement to say that the amendment as now proposed or the committee amendment as now proposed is considerably higher than the committee amendment agreed on by the committee as to what the salaries should be? For instance, I notice that the committee amendment says \$45,500 for Supreme Court. Senator Lewis' amendment changes that to \$53,000.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is correct.

SENATOR LAMB: Then in your judgement, would this amendment as amended be acceptable to the committee? I am assuming it would not because it has been changed considerably. Is that correct?

SENATOR NICHOL: Well I would not speak for each member of the committee. It was not what the committee went along with to start with. What we tried to do, Senator