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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I received two shocks today to see amendable Howard Lamb who usually has several amendments on all committee bills, praise the committee and suggest that we stay with the committee system, which I suppose everybody can reform and the other amazement is to see Rex Haberman try to pull a Jim Exon. Now, Senator Haberman, you haven't been here long enough to understand that that was Governor Exon's line and he did it with perfection. Now I think with a little more polish you can follow up on that and I will give you some personalized training because I remember the lines well and it just brought back such a hard string of nostalgia to me I can hardly speak to the issue but the issue is this, and again I remind you what it is. There is substantive little difference in terms of dollars between what the committee advocated and what we suggested. The major change is with the Supreme Court where we need it. Now, Senator Rumery, on the supplemental part, I have already agreed with Senator Dworak over the noon hour, that perhaps we ought to look at that a little bit and see where we are in terms of whether we need those dollars or not. I would suggest we move the bill on and I know Senator Carpenter used to do that so that is not my intent but move the bill on and then while it is moving on its way we can have a chance to look at the supplements because I am not interested if we get the salary levels at respectable levels to make those distinctions between judges and I think you will find most of the judges agree with that particular philosophy. I suggest to you now is the time to address the bill. The bill is in reasonable form but I want you to know that I was much impressed by the articulate arguments of Senator Lamb in terms of his firm support for committees and I am going to remember that and I recall that as chairman of the Education Committee, we served on it and he amended bills after bill out on the floor and of course again I want to give Senator Haberman a C plus to start with on a standard oration by Governor Exon but I think with some work he can improve.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed it is my pleasure to introduce in the North balcony, thirty-four fourth grade students from the Louisville School, Louisville, Nebraska, and Betty Heard, the teacher, and they come from both Senator Carsten and Senator Warner's districts. Where are you? They are gone. Okay. Senator Cope and then Senator Koch.