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for the committee amendments.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, the Dworak amendment was not all bad. It somewhat followed the trend of the committee amendments. In other words, the workmen's comp was lower than the district judges as I recall. Now we can start this jockeying around if you want to but I don't think the bill will pass with anything other than the committee amendments, I think. I think they are adequate. I don't think they are out of line at all and I think we should adopt the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have tried to stay out of the auction on this particular bill because I do think the Judiciary is a branch of government which is very important and I hate to see it subjected to the same kind of thing that would occur in a livestock sale but, nevertheless, when an increase in salary is the subject that is inevitably going to happen. So I hope what will occur on Senator Nichol's vote will be a test of the strength of the bill. Those who would not vote for the bill with the amendments which are now attached to the bill should vote for Senator Nichol's amendment in order that we can do something with the bill and it not be a logjam to everything else being considered this session. On the other hand, if you would support the bill as it stands now, I hope that you will vote against Senator Nichol's amendment, and then if there is an indefinitely postpone motion up there, we should dispose of that quickly one way or the other. But this kind of thing could go on and on forever, because when we are dealing with figures, an amendment could be offered altering the amount of any one of the salary schedules by \$100, \$200 or whatever the amount and we could be tied upon this bill forever. So the thing I am asking the Legislature to do is this, if you are opposed to the bill as it stands now and would not vote for it on Final Reading as it stands now, then adopt Senator Nichol's amendment on the condition that you would then support the bill on Final Reading. But if you are not going to support it in any case, then I would ask you to defeat Senator Nichol's amendment in the interest of time. Then when the indefinite postponement motion is considered, I would like to see that disposed of quickly also.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol first. Do you have any other comments on your motion? Senator DeCamp, your light is on. We are ready to vote. Do you