

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Chambers amendment to LB 82? All right, Senator Chambers, I guess that will then constitute your close on the amendment. The question before the House is the adoption of the Chambers amendment on LB 82. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Another amendment, read the amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers moves to amend by: (Read Vickers amendment found on page 970 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and fellow members, once again I think we are... The language that is being stricken out here is language that would allow the judges to be treated differently than the ordinary citizen of the State of Nebraska, particularly the people that are in a position to be passing judgment on other people of the State of Nebraska. The language being stricken says that the commission, upon finding a probable cause would privately reprimand such justice or judge of the Supreme Court or other judge. I think if they are deserving of being reprimanded, if they have been found guilty of any of the willful misconduct, willful disregard or other areas as spelled out earlier in Section 30, that they deserve to be reprimanded in a formal, open discipline type of situation. If any of us, any of the members of this body were guilty of any of the things or found guilty of the things spelled out here, we would be reprimanded publicly and I think we would deserve to be reprimanded publicly. I am suggesting to the members of this body that we should treat the judges of the State of Nebraska exactly the same way. Why slap their wrists under the table? Why not tell them that they have done wrong right out in the open where everybody can see it? If we are going to have two systems in the State of Nebraska, that is fine. If we are going to treat the judges and put them on a pedestal and say you are better than everybody else, even though you know the law, even though you understand it, then if you break it somewhat, we are just going to try to hide the fact that perhaps you did and not let the public really be aware of it, that is fine, but I for one, don't want to go along that route. I would suggest that the body accept this amendment.