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Senator Maresh mentioned. So I think that from \$150 to \$175 per day is a sufficient raise and I support the Maresh amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I would just make a couple of remarks. With the bill the way that it is written, the effective date of the increase with the emergency clause on it would be June 9, 1981 instead of January 23, 1982, and the other is that somebody asked about when they last had a raise and that was in 1979, and it increased from \$120 to \$150 a day.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, \$200 a day is a professional sounding wage and you have less than that and it is not a professional sounding wage. We ask professional people to serve in this position. We want qualified professional people to serve in this category. If this were a position that were judged by the Department of Personnel, you would take into consideration the surrounding states' payment for a like category. When you already have heard that Iowa for a similar position is paying \$250 a day, \$200 sounds like a bargain. Let's not be cheap. We are expecting quality persons to serve, then we must be willing to have compensation which will attract quality persons. The State of Nebraska should have quality persons serving, and we want to continue that category. Do not accept the amendment which is proposed, but rather advance LB 188 to Enrollment and Review without amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question before the House is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands first? Okay. Shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, first I want to apologize to Senator Landis for not