

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: On your amendment, if a judge was indicted or charged with a felony and later found not to be guilty, under your amendment then if they did not pay him during the time when he was charged and went to trial, would he then get paid for that time?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that is what the new additional language would say, that any salary withheld would be paid over.

SENATOR HIGGINS: My only comments on this, and I had never thought about it until Senator Chambers brought the amendment up, is I have become so angry so many times when I have read in the paper and I apologize to my attorney colleagues today for this, where an attorney has committed a felony, perhaps he has absconded with somebody's life savings where he was named the guardian, and because of the position he holds of trust as an attorney and an officer of the court, judges say, well, we are going to take his license away from him. If Marge Higgins stole \$300,000 from somebody, I would get prosecuted and go to jail but attorneys it seems to me are like judges. They are given special treatment by the court and they are given that exception that, well, we will just take away their license now. Maybe that is something to take away their license to practice law but that does not keep them from getting a job for the rest of their life. So, I think I am in sympathy with Senator Chambers' amendment simply because I think it is giving special consideration to a person who is supposed to be an example of law to the rest of us and it always galls me when I read that attorneys got a slap on the hands, just because they are attorneys. For example, we had an attorney in Omaha who fifteen times was picked up for drunken drivingness and on the sixteenth time he finally went to jail but you know what? They did not even put him in our Douglas County jail. They sent him out to another county that was less filled and he would have special treatment. So I think that is why Senator Chambers has caught my ear this morning with his amendment and I would support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, in the North balcony and from Senator Dworak's district, 30 eighth grade students from St. Francis School, Humphrey, Nebraska, and teachers, Mr. Ron Wright, Mrs. Maurice Wieser and Mrs. Ivan Beller. Where are you located? Will you hold up your hands please so we can... And in the North balcony are four visitors from Taiwan. Would you please stand? There were four visitors. I guess they are gone, from Taiwan. Senator Cullan.