

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp, judges are different. You made the remark, why treat them different than anybody else. They are different. They have their jobs for life. They are not elected like we are. They are different. They are treated different in other respects so, therefore, if we should come up with some harsher treatment for them, well so be it. They have a choice whether they want to be a judge or not and if they misrepresent or misform or do something wrong when they are in office, then I think they should receive the severest punishment that there is. So, due to they being different, treated different, I would again say that I support Senator Chambers in his motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, let's you and I get something super clear. I did not get fed any information by anybody on this bill and have never talked to anybody about this bill. I can look at a bill. I can read it. I can reason it out myself and I have done it and I am going to answer every one of the questions you just raised but I am going to tell you about something that happened last year on this floor. On a particularly emotional issue when people were stampeding quickly for something that sounded like a simple solution, I put up there an amendment, a very proper germane amendment on a bill of Senator Haberman's and you may remember that bill. It had to do with crowd control and the amendment I put up there, the amendment I put up there was out of the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bill of Rights, and it was soundly defeated on this floor and condemned as Communism and every other doggone thing. That is right and that is what you are doing now. The same wild, silly, crazy, stupid emotionalism is taking over. Now do you want to distinguish between why a judge would not be maybe performing his duties or be suspended for that? And why he shouldn't receive his pay? I will distinguish for you. Number one, doing his duties has to do with the other people, protecting them in case there is something wrong, the same way a judge would agree for example to withdraw from a particular case because of conflict or something. It is for the protection of the public. The suspension of the salary which you want to accomplish is a premature, advanced punishment of the judge. Senator Haberman really hit on it good. He was totally wrong but he hit on it good. His exact words were, "If they do something wrong, I want to give them the severest punishment." Senator Haberman, I would submit to you that what Senator Chambers is offering is not if they do something wrong. He is saying, if somebody says they did something wrong, we will cream the rascals