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SENATOR CLARK: Motion failed. Do you have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chronister, what do you want to do with the bill?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: I would urge the movement of the bill to E & R.

SENATOR CLARK: Question before the House, the advancement of the bill to E & R. Senator Schmit, did you want to talk on the advancement? Senator Schmit, did you want to talk on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers, do you want to talk on the advancement?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do Mr. Chairman. Members of the Legislature, I have thought about this bill and I have thought about what is being proposed here. It may not be such a bad thing to have the judges to have to justify a salary increase like anybody else would have to. Maybe that is the only time we can have a degree of oversight in terms of what is happening at these lower level courts. If we should manage to tie into the salaries of the Supreme Court all of the other salaries, then our only way of making these other judges come in and talk to us is to refuse an increase of the supreme court judges. In other words there still is going to have to be somebody coming before us. But what you....try to do when you want something is to put your best foot forward. The best foot that the judiciary has in the state right now is Chief Justice Krivosha. He is charming, personable and highly intelligent. He gives good one liners. He will make you feel before you have even accepted something that you should have done it even before he asked you. So, they will send in Chief Justice Krivosha and they will send in Joe Steele, the state Court Administrator, who is very informative. It will be like the straight man and whatever the opposite of the straight man is. Like Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, Abott and Costello, something like that, Mutt and Jeff and it will be difficult to deny an increase to Chief Justice Krivosha. But at the same time you give him the increase, then every other judge in the state follows him right upward. We know that there is uneven quality throughout the state in terms of what is offered by the judges. So, even if we would try to keep some kind of