

court salaries in one neat package and it is easy to deal with them in that manner. However, no evidence was presented which would indicate that these are the correct percentages and it seems that these were sort of arbitrarily arrived at. I don't think that there is a real good reason for setting them at these levels. Beyond that what we are really doing is we are unifying all of the judges in regard to salary raises because all the judges will then come in recommending an increase in the Supreme Court salaries without any of the usual interplay between the various branches of the court system. I think this is not a good way to go. If we were to carry it further would we not have all members of state government and all salaries in state government indexed on a similar basis. Should not all salaries be a certain percent of say the governor's salary or some other salary. Senator Vard Johnson had a proposal which would tie the legislature's salaries to the governor's salary. I opposed that. I don't think that indexing salaries in this manner is a proper way to arrive at salaries on the whole. It is a bad system. Maybe it is okay in this particular case. Maybe these are the correct percentages, although no evidence has been presented that these are the correct percentages. I think that it is a bad system. I don't think that we should go down this road. I urge you to oppose this bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I, too, rise to oppose this bill. For example, a minimum of 85% of the cases heard by the county court are traffic violations. 85% are traffic violations. They have a maximum of \$5,000 of monetary value of cases that they can hear. Everything over that automatically goes to the district court. Also, out where I come from, all the county court judges, they call them district county court judges, has a judge in his office who handles many, many, many of these traffic court cases for him. He doesn't even handle them. So what we are doing here is we are taking, as we all know, and tying it all together into one big bundle. When some of the courts have more cases and need more judges as Senator Marsh asked for another judge because they obviously needed one and I voted to give her one. What about those cases where they aren't over worked, they do not have too many cases yet they receive the increase in salary. I feel that this is a poor way to run a ship. I have been in business, I had 35 employees and I surely didn't tie all of my employee's salaries to what the foreman received. Everybody was on their own. Those that produced and did the job, they received the