

head on the nail. If you hit the head wherever the head goes the rest of the nail goes before it. That is simple. It might be simple minded as an example too but in the afternoon the speaker and the listeners sometimes reach that level. Senator Schmit, I would like to ask you a question if Senator Burrows will excuse you for a second. Do you feel that if the judges have to come before the legislature to justify a salary increase, that creates a type of accountability and legislative oversight?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There isn't any doubt about it Senator Chambers that it does that. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that by tying all of the salaries just to that level that the supreme court receives and thereby doing away with the need for the other levels of judges to talk to the legislature, there will be more accountability created thereby.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well Senator Chambers, I could argue it either way. I will tell you very frankly that if each level of judges must come before the legislature and to a certain extent account to us, that may be commendable, but when we reach the point where they may need to beg, I think that it is beneath the dignity of the judiciary as it is beneath the dignity of this body to beg the public for a salary increase.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schmit, how about the courts that deal with the collection of child support payments? You don't want them to have to come before us either?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have a little deal for those gentlemen called a mandamus action, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you are not interested in having a general system of accountability built in?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I love the accountability system Senator Chambers. The facts are these. It has not worked in the past, so to speak. Even though we make them each come before us we have not been able to collect that child support.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then let me ask you this Senator Schmit, if you have a vehicle that is powered by gasoline and it will not run efficiently on gasoline, will it run more efficiently on water?