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SENATOR SCHMIT: It might run better on alcohol.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No I'm talking about water, it is my example. Thank you Senator Schmit. Here is what I am trying to say. If we have a system where we are trying to have a measure of accountability and it does not work effectively, why take away more possibility of accountability. We don't improve a system by making it worse. So I think this bill is not the best procedure for us to follow. I repeat. I've supported increases in salary for the judges and I'll continue to do so. But I think that it is a mistake to develop a system like this. We need accountability. I've dealt with these judges on the judiciary committee ever since I have been down here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Sometimes that is the only opportunity you have to deal with them face to face. I was able to work out a visitation rights problem that an individual had because the judge who was presiding over the divorce and handling the case had just come to ask for some money from the legislature. So he was very amenable to solving that particular problem. We have got to maintain accountability. The only way we can do it is to require each level of the judiciary to justify the salary increase that they are asking for. I still oppose the movement of the bill and I hope that you will do the same.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we go to Senator DeCamp, just a minute I'm going to introduce somebody, to introduce Willie Houseworth and Sheri Murray visitors from Senator Fitzgerald's district in Omaha, Nebraska and the mother of Margo Houseworth is in the group and Margo is a Page this session. We welcome you to the Unicameral.

SENATOR DeCamp; Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Shall debate cease. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Chronister, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members, I urge that we move the bill on. Thank you.