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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Nichol a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you yield?

SENATOR NICHOL: I would try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Nichol, as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee you presided over the study of establishing some kind of system for setting judges' salaries, didn't you?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How were the judges of the Workmen's Compensation Court handled?

SENATOR NICHOL: They were handled the same as all other judges, as I understand it, where all the judges were in on the setting up of the figures and the relativity of each other. That was the way it was presented to the committee.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were you aware that that committee of judges that dealt with this situation did not include the judges of the Workmen's Compensation Court?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, I was not aware of that. I understood that they were involved in this study. I know they were back in the days when Senator Stoney conducted a study about two or three years ago. Are you saying they were dealt out entirely in this?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about the development of 111? Were they a part of that?

SENATOR NICHOL: I understood they were. Are you saying they were not?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I just want the record to show the knowledge that you have since you said nothing new has developed with reference to the Workmen's Compensation Court judges. Now were the Workmen's Compensation Court judges...let me ask the question a different way. In establishing the base salaries for the various judges, are you aware of a \$2500 amount that was put into the bill for judges in Douglas County? Remember they were getting that supplement?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes.