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I didn't hear all of it because of the noise.

SENATOR RUMERY: Well, my contention is that the founding fathers intended that everyone who is working in this republic of ours in any governmental capacity shall be responsible to somebody, and we know who we are responsible to. If this bill of yours were to pass, to whom would the judges be responsible to?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Rumery, these percentages are not set in stone. Because of the fears that Senator Haberman raised, I think his fears are groundless, because when the time comes to set the Supreme Court salary, a change can be made at that time to change the percentage of another court if the Legislature should ever so deem because of the performance of that particular court.

SENATOR RUMERY: Well, wouldn't we have to so-call punish all, for instance if you had a district judge who was not doing his job and thought he ought to be removed, wouldn't you have to punish all of the district judges if we were going to do that the way this bill is written?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes, Senator Rumery, there is an instrument now that judicial qualifications can take care of particular judges who do not measure to their capacity for some reason or other.

SENATOR RUMERY: This would still be left intact, would it?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Yes.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Maresh. Is Senator Maresh in the room?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I too support the kill motion. I think if we are going to tie everything into neat packages, we ought to have the salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, the Treasurer, Auditor, the Attorney General, everybody of a percentage of the Governor's salary and then we wouldn't have to do that every once in a while here on the floor of the Legislature, and I feel that since the Workmen's Comp judges haven't been treated fairly in this bill, that we should kill the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chronister, do you want to talk?