

is probably the most important attorney we have here in the State of Nebraska. What is his salary?

SENATOR CULLAN: I think it is \$32,500 a year, I believe. I may be incorrect on that but it is in the \$30,000 range somewhere.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: And, with our supposedly poor, poor salaries that you indicated, are the judges we have now qualified then to be serving or aren't they really qualified?

SENATOR CULLAN: I think that we are tremendously lucky with these very, very low salaries to have the quality judiciary that we have in the State of Nebraska. It is a tribute to the gentlemen who serve in these capacities that so many of them are willing to serve for the salaries which we do offer them.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Fellow senators, I look at the figures and I don't think that they are so terribly poor and so terribly bad. In fact, I think what we are trying to do to the average worker in the State of Nebraska, giving them a meager 4%, 8%, 10% raise and we are holding that off to either October or perhaps January. I look at this and I really want to oppose this amendment. It really shouldn't be here in the first place. This bill was heard in our committee, the Judiciary, and we voted it down six to nothing, on a Friday, if I am correct. That evening I got a couple of phone calls and I think that all of the senators on the Judiciary Committee got phone calls and we got the pressure put on us by the people who make all the money. Enough pressure put on, Monday morning we brought the bill back. By all rights it shouldn't be here today. So I surely wish to oppose this amendment of Senator Cullan's. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think we perhaps ought to split this amendment of Senator Cullan's, this amendment to the amendment of Senator Cullan's I don't have to much fault to find with this 5% for two years this is pretty close to what the committee had. But, several of the committee members at the time we discussed that were disappointed with our lll last year and would like to change that. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that we split that and vote on the 5% for the next two years and then vote on the other portion of the amendment to the amendment if that would be agreeable.

SENATOR CLARK: I would say that it is divisible. We will