

take the 5% every two years first. Senator Kahle, did you want to talk on that?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, that is really exactly what I want to talk about. I'm really concerned about giving them only a 2½% increase now and saying well next year we are going to give you 5% and the year after that we are going to give you 5% when most of us are complaining right now that one of the problems in our country today is that we built inflation into it. We built inflation into the salary of many of our workers. We built inflation into our government. We are now doing it again here at the state level. What I would rather see is if our judges salaries are too low that we bite the bullet now and raise them to where they should be. I'm not in favor of putting an increment increase in in the next two years because I am not that optimistic about our economy. I don't believe that we are going to be able to do it. I think I said the same about state employees just the other day and I'm sure state employees would like to choke me. But, there is no use kidding yourself. The economy, in my estimation, is not going to get better, at least not in the near future, so we are just kidding these people, that we are going to come back to this legislature in special session or some other form maybe next year and we are going to say, hey, we can't do that. We are going to have to cut back. So I think we ought to face it as it is today and not try to guess the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, what you are separating here is 5% the first year and 5% the second year. Do you want to vote on 5% the first year first?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, Mr. Speaker, what we are doing is we are voting on the 5% raise for the first year and the 5% for the second year. That is the first part of the question. The second part of the question is the percentages between the Supreme Court Judges and the District Court and so forth.

SENATOR CLARK: There is nothing in there to that.

SENATOR NICHOL: In Senator Cullan's?

SENATOR CLARK: No. Not that I know of.

SENATOR NICHOL: May I ask Senator Cullan a question, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.