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I really don't know. Well, he said, I am proud to be a judge. He said, there is only 47 of us. He said, it means a lot to me. The salary is nice, he said, and the power, the prestige I have had is also very nice. I don't think Judge Krivosha is going to quit and I don't think any other judge is going to quit. Perhaps they are going to quit when their retirement gets close. I would like to quit and have the retirement they have too and take on another job and receive both of the benefits. Also the Governor has to...he said, he, in fact, would veto a 5 percent raise if the Appropriations Committee comes through in October until January. Then they get a 5 percent raise. Which is the better, a 2½ percent raise at \$48,000 or a 5 percent raise at \$10,000 which is what a lot of people work for? I think I would rather have the 2½ percent of the \$48,000, plus the 5 percent raise they are going to have the next year. If our economy is not good next year, the majority of the people of Nebraska won't get a raise at all. Another reason why I think you people should vote against this, if I was running this year, which I am not, it would be a lot easier to go home and face three judges in my district and a half a dozen lawyers who said, we need more money, we can't survive on \$48,000 or \$43,000 which the district judges get. I would much rather face 33,000 other people that said that, Senator VonMinden, you're doing a good job, when I voted to kill this bill in committee, and that is one other reason why this bill shouldn't even be here today. In all good faith we heard this bill in Judiciary Committee and we killed the bill, six to nothing. To tell you how powerful the judges are, they got on the phone that weekend to phone me three different times, and apparently they phoned other people on the Judiciary Committee that we reconsidered it under the balcony here the next Monday morning. So I am opposing any more raise to these poor fellows that don't get quite enough and hope we defeat the amendment and the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman, did you want to talk on the bill? Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. There are some women judges I would like to point out to Senator VonMinden. I rise to support the amendment which is proposed by Senator Cullan and I might remind those of you that in the next fiscal year, Senator VonMinden, that is only 2½ percent in the next fiscal year for the judges. That does not take effect until January 1, 1983. So we are asking them to accept less than at this time we are asking the rest of state employees with the exception of the Legislature.