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As all of you know, we do not have retirement nor insurance but all of the other members of state government do have those. That is not above and beyond. That is in the normal course of business. We are asking persons who are highly trained, who are the cream of the crop, who have risen to the top because of their abilities. We do not ask in other areas for them to take a loss in order to serve in that position. Yes, there is honor but that doesn't send your child away to school. The honor does not send your child away to school. It does not pay for the care for the parent who is in a nursing home. And this is a reasonable alternative. I urge the legislative body to not be so miserly that you shut the door in your face to what is being fair. It is not exhorbitant. It is a reasonable compromise. It is 2½ percent in the next fiscal year. That is a reasonable dollar figure. I, too, want to stay in our budget. I, too, care about the end result. But these individuals, men and women, are not eligible to have a change after the beginning of the term beginning in January unless this body makes the change this year. I am one who will have the courage to do what I feel is right and that is to vote for the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator VonMinden indicated that he thought it was hard to oppose the power of the judges. I don't know how naive he expects the rest of us to be but in my own opinion nothing could be further from the truth, in fact, the easiest thing to do is to oppose the judges and to style oneself as a populist breaking down power barriers and bringing to heel people who are reaching outrageous proportions in their salaries and their benefits and their working conditions in some sort of grand populace manner. I think there isn't anything easier to do than to take shots at jurists as coddling criminals and as too powerful and as remote from the people and as too well paid or overpaid for their effort that they expend. If anything, the judges suffer from the fact that they cannot enter into the political arena and contest the objections and the arguments and the demagoguery that they are faced with commonly in newspapers and columns and political discussions and on the floor of the Legislature. You don't find judges responding with articles to the Letters to the Editor and the like defending themselves and their positions and objecting to them being misquoted and the like. They operate from a basis of discretion which this body would choke under if we had to exercise the same level