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them and there doesn't seem to be too much of a problem with the rate of increase that we handled with those particular judges. By 1982-83 they would be at \$52,523. But the big one really seems to be in the rural county judges and you will recall that they were somewhere in the neighborhood of 25, 26 thousand dollars, 28 thousand maybe prior to 1981, and with the raise that we gave them their current salary is \$35,955 and by fiscal 1982-83 it would be \$37,981. So you have an increase in the county rural judges where we have 37 of them going from somewhere in the middle twenties to almost thirty-eight thousand in a matter of four years. This seems to be a problem that I personally seem to be suffering from. I don't know whether county judges are worth that much or not. Now we are talking about the county judges in the rural areas. The county judges in the metropolitan areas are presently receiving \$41,517 which is the same or which is approximately four thousand dollars more than the rural county judges. So it may be that as you consider this particular formula you may want to address that particular problem. I will have more figures for you in a little bit if you are interested in them. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am a little surprised at Senator Landis because I do not believe that I, for one, at any time challenged the integrity or the honesty or the ability of the judiciary. I have never done that on this floor in fourteen years. I am not doing so now. Neither do I believe there is a different price for justice at the county level, the district judge level or the Supreme Court level, depends upon which court you find yourself in. If you find yourself before a county judge, I am sure you are as concerned about the quality of the county judge as if you were before any other judge. I think I have had as much exposure to the members of the court as any member of this body though I am not an attorney, and I have the ultimate respect for the members of that judiciary. I think that as we pointed out earlier that I have always supported the increase in salaries for judges. I have never before taken a position against one. I want to say that this is the first time that we have been in a major recession if not a serious depression since I have been a member of this body, and I have been here fourteen years. At a time like that I believe you have to reassess the situation in which you find yourself. I have talked to members of the judiciary and I will tell you point blank what they have told me, not all of them, of course. They have said, we would prefer to

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