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forego a raise during times like these and look for a better raise when the times are good. Now that is what we are asking everyone else to do. We are saying if the economy turns around, we are going to give the state employees a raise. Business after business, InterNorth, Nebraska Public Power, many other businesses are looking at the situation and saying, we are going to take another look at it in six months or a year and again as I have said, I am sorry about this problem with the Constitution. I can't change that. But I am saying that it is presumptuous of us at this point in time to say that the economy is going to be such in a year from now that we can afford five on top of five. I say also again that if it were just a number of those Supreme Court judges, if that was all the impact it was going to have, it would be easy to go ahead and vote for it. It is easy to criticize those of us who are saying we should not have the increase and call it posturing, if you will. Let me explain to you that I visited with my constituents over the weekend. They do not consider it to be posturing. Business after business is facing bankruptcy. One after another people are laid off and out of work. The automobile workers are taking reductions in salary. The laboring people are taking reductions in salary. They are not asking for increases, they are taking reductions. And then, we say, well, these are the exceptions. Should we perhaps make an exception for the lowest paid state employee who doesn't have enough take home pay to meet the basic needs of their existence? If you were to ask the members of the judiciary that question, without exception they would say, yes. They would say yes. I wish also that we were able to separate them from the consitutional officers who can earn outside income whereas the members of the judiciary cannot. But it was not me who said they should not be allowed to earn outside income....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...and so what I am saying is this, that notwithstanding the quality of the judiciary, notwithstanding the fact that they deserve it, notwithstanding the fact that maybe everyone else in the state would understand, a million five hundred thousand people, I am saying that at this point in time we are making a mistake if we adopt the Cullan amendment. I would hope that you would not adopt the amendment, and I would most emphatically deny any allegation as to posturing, as to incrimination of the judiciary or any other accusations.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.