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judiciary any kind of an increase at all and that the increase that we are proposing here is less than the increase that we are proposing for state employees generally. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I move the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Cullan, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, just to put it in perspective, what we are doing is a five percent salary increase for starting in January and then a five percent increase the following year. The reason that the increase is for two years is that we cannot increase the salary of a constitutional officer or a judge during the term of their office so if we did not put that five percent in for the second year there would be no salary increase at all in that year. I would just point out a letter from one individual I received, district judge, that indicated that over the past six years the rate of salary increases for the district judges in the State of Nebraska has been at approximately four percent for each of those last six years. That is a pretty dismal record and I don't think that we should be proud of it. I think in fact that we have fallen behind substantially what we are doing with the judiciary in the State of Nebraska. I circulated to you earlier and I circulated it last week as well a list of the salaries of other individuals who are involved, who are paid by the public sector. I would like you to look at some of the other attorneys who are compensated by political subdivisions or by the State of Nebraska. One of the state's own attorneys, the Director of the Department of Public Institutions, makes \$71,292. I think that is a reflection of what we pay other individuals with legal experience who work in state government, and our judges at all levels are considerably below that. I think