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LB 603

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 1448 and 1449 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion lost. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan would move to amend the committee amendments by striking amendments 1 and 3.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this was the previously filed portion of the committee amendments. What this again does is reinstates LB 111, Senator Chronister's bill, from the last session of the Legislature. What that does is places the district court at 92.5 percent of the Supreme Court and the county courts I believe, Senator Chronister, at 85 percent. So anyway, I believe those are the percentages and Senator Chronister will correct me if I am wrong. But that would at least reinstate what the Legislature did last year so far as salaries for the judges are concerned is a percentage of Supreme Court salaries. The other thing I would mention is that Senator Hoagland and I and a couple of other Senators have just placed an amendment on the desk for 3.75 percent for two years, but at any rate no matter what we do on salaries I think it is incumbent upon us to re... live with and attempt the salary schedule which was established last year under LB 111, that being 92.5 percent for the district court judges and 85 percent for other judges. I urge you to adopt these amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I once heard that they have a very simple trap for catching monkeys. They take a box and they put a hole in it and put peanuts in the hole and the monkey can get his hand into the hole with his hand open, but then when he takes the peanut and closes his hand he can't get his hand out so the only way to get free is to let go of the peanut. But the monkey won't let go of the peanut so he stays trapped. Now I felt it was a mistake for the courts to come back in here with a bill this session. I felt it was similar to greed and some people may see it that way. But it may really boil down to a situation where the Legislature does not want to offer this much money by way of salary increases to judges. I voted against 111 and spoke against it and even had a successful