

salary of the Governor and we automatically get it". This is somewhat what we are doing with the judges. If you tie them all to the Supreme Court judges then all the judges across the state have to do is say, raise the Supreme Court judges, we automatically get ours. What Senator Cullan is attempting to do here is to raise the percentage of the other judges as compared to the Supreme Court judges, in other words make them closer to what the Supreme Court judges get. Now our Supreme Court judge last year said, I want this, I want it tied to my salary, and whatever the percentage is I will live with it but I very much want this. Well, it doesn't take one very smart to figure out that with the support of all the judges across the state you have a pretty good chance of getting support for the increase in the Supreme Court judges' salaries. But I would oppose Senator Cullan's percentage system that he has worked out here and urge you to support the committee amendments along this line.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just indicate that I am doing nothing more than this Legislature with the exception of Senator Apking because she wasn't here, I am doing nothing different than this Legislature did last session. I am reinstating LB 111 which this Legislature adopted and enacted, period. Now I think we ought to live with the philosophy that we adopted last year and I think it would be unwise of us to abandon it so quickly just because we have a salary bill before us. It makes it very clear to me if we fail to adopt this amendment that we are not at all being consistent with the philosophical approach which we took in tying the salaries together last year looking very carefully at the different workloads and all these different positions in correlating one salary to another based upon what the Supreme Court makes. Now I don't think that is unreasonable and I think it is unfortunate of us to back off. Now the effect of this amendment if we fail to adopt this amendment, the effect is to give the district court a miniscule almost no raise at all, something like a percent, and I think that is an insult to the district court judges in the State of Nebraska, give them a percent increase. I think it is reasonable to follow the salary structure we established in a thoughtful way in the last session of the Legislature. Senator Chronister spent a great deal of time working, pushing that bill through the Legislature. I think we should follow the philosophical approach we have already taken. I urge you no matter what you do and no matter what you think the figures should be,