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committee amendments but it did two things mostly. First of all it reduces the salary increase to judges of the Supreme Court from the proposed \$62,500 down to \$55,000. Secondly, the committee amendments propose changes in the formula for determining the salaries of lower court judges which was adopted by LB 111 last year. LB 111, you will recall, tied the salaries of the judges of the district court to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court effective January 6, 1983. Previously we have always dealt with each of these courts separately when it came to judges' salaries. The committee amendments would change the formula by reducing district judges from 92.5 percent of the salary paid to the judges of the Supreme Court to 85 percent. County, municipal and workmen's compensation court judges' salaries would be based on 77.5 percent of the Supreme Court judges' salary rather than 85 percent. Those are the changes in the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: We are accepting call in votes.

CLERK: Senator Fowler voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit wants to vote.

CLERK: Senator Schmit voting no. Senator Cope changing from yes to no. Senator Newell voting yes. Senator Sleck voting no. Senator Burrows changing from no to yes. Senator Wesely voting yes. Senator Remmers changing from yes to no. Senator Hefner, you voted no, Senator. Senator Howard Peterson, you voted no. Senator Lowell Johnson, you voted no, Senator.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Richard Peterson wants to vote. All right, roll call has been requested. If we can have a little quiet we will call the roll. We are voting on a reconsideration of the committee amendments. The Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on page 1450 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I think probably what ought to be done is to split the committee amendment in half so that they are not confused as to what they are doing.

SENATOR CLARK: But we can't do that now. We can't divide it now.