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CLERK: 24 ayes, 19 nays on the motion to reconsider, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The committee amendments are not adopted. Senator Cullan, on the bill.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would move the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of the bill. Is there any discussion? Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, what we have now is the bill in its original form which is the higher salaries all across the board, and I don't think that is what you want but that is the way it is. I would suggest that we not advance the bill until we determine exactly what we want in the bill because I think some of you want the spread of the percentages and some of you want the reduction in salary but the way it comes out we don't have anything but the original bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we all have our reasons for doing various things on bills. I never have liked the idea of tying the salary of the Chief Justice to the other courts, so what I hope you will do is advance the bill to Select File and if we can't break the linkage, I would help you fight it on Select File. Then we can argue about the individual amounts of the various level of the courts without that unspoken by some people problem in the back of people's minds which is that once the Supreme Court gets an increase everybody gets one automatically. So I will keep my words brief but I am saying one more time the only reason I want the bill advanced at this point is to have the opportunity to break the linkage between the Supreme Court salaries and those of the other courts. So I will support the advancement of the bill and I hope you will do the same.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I think many of us do not want the bill in its current form but I, too, will support the advancement of the bill so that the compromise can be worked out between now and Select File. It is a vehicle that needs to be kept in place and I urge your advancement of it so that it will be available when we need it. Days are short. Without its advancement we may be shortchanged all the way around.

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