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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have just heard two arguments or at least one argument for the advancement of the bill that nobody wants. I guess what I would have to ask you if, are you in a better position to work out a compromise with the bill on General File or if the bill is slid over one more step toward Final Reading? I think Senator Chambers with that wily look in his eye knows exactly what he is doing and he figures that there is a bunch of us monkeys that have got our hand in that little hole in the box and those who favor the raise of the Supreme Court judges have got a great big fistful they don't want to let go, those of us who think that maybe the lower echelon of the court system needs just as competent judges as does the upper echelon, say, well shucks, we are not doing so bad the way we stand. I said before I would love to give those Supreme Court judges a raise but I just can't stand here and ask for it today when there are a lot of people in the State of Nebraska who are out of work. We placed an ad in the paper last week for a man and we had 37 replies, and I will tell you what, some of them wouldn't have made bad judges. Quite a few of them would have and they would work for a lot less than what we are paying most of them. I recognize they are not attorneys, but that might not have been any handicap. I think that we have got the bill in the position today where if Senator Cullan wants to sit down and negotiate something that is more acceptable to some of the members and it may not be to me but if he can get 25 votes for something, more power to him. He is very adept at that and he has shown some inclination to do so. Senator Hoagland has also talked about it. I would be against advancing the bill. I have a bill...I've had a bill that is a priority bill that never got out of the Revenue Committee for two years, Senator Vard Johnson. It is still languishing back there, very reliable, very laudable bill but it is going to die in the Revenue Committee and I guess maybe that is a good place for it, but it doesn't mean that we need to advance this bill. Senator Cullan almost suckered a bunch of people into voting to advance the bill because he said we have got to restate our position on lll. If the bill dies, Senator Cullan, is not lll still in place? Would you answer the question, please?

SENATOR CULLAN: The committee amendments, Senator Schmit, and my position was accurate.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If the bill dies, Senator Cullan, is not lll still in place?