

Chief Justice is not enjoying this auction because I have talked to him and he said, just make up your minds, just go one way or the other and get it over with, either we are worth it or we are not worth it. Well, I can't argue that point because I say they are worth more money but we are arguing how much more money and when should they get it. As far as good people being judges and wanting to be judges, I think we had a lawsuit come out of Omaha here just a few weeks ago over some people fighting to be a judge. So evidently I don't think the salary has too much to do with it, if they are willing to file a law suit to win such a low paying job. I mean, this kind of confuses me just a little bit but things like this tend to confuse me anyway. So if you file a lawsuit over a low salary that can't be too bad. And then they talk about the salaries that the other people are paid, like the City of Omaha attorney, \$60,000; Douglas County attorney, \$70,000. Did you ever stop to realize maybe these people are overpaid? You know, that is a lot of money, \$70,000 for county attorney. I know some county attorneys that are refusing to do their job and the people are going to have to take out a writ of mandamus. Now this doesn't fit everybody but that is a lot of money. Omaha is in trouble so they have a city attorney for \$60,000 and a deputy attorney for \$50,000 and a city prosecutor for \$50,000. So maybe, just maybe, they are overpaid too, but they also have a Director of the Department of Health who is an MD, he is a doctor, at \$53,000. Well, now I would like to see a doctor that only makes \$53,000. So whoever made up this list really didn't do too good of a job as far as I am concerned. So I would say, let's take another look, let's don't have an auction and not any more enthusiastic about this bill than the Chairman is and Senator Nichol didn't sound too enthusiastic about it, let's just leave it be and....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ....thank you....come back, give them a good raise when the economy improves and we will go from there. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator VonMinden.

SENATOR VON MINDEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I rise to oppose the amendment. It appears to me we are spending way too much time on this bill. We have killed it once in committee. It was brought back out. We have killed several amendments here to it. I can respect Senator Hoagland wanting to get it. It is him and his friends who are going to get the money, but I can't see how you people