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LB 488A

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Goodrich, just one question if I may.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sure you voted in favor of having some salary increase for the state's judges but just as a theoretical matter I would ask you, do you see any basis for distinction between the state's judges and the constitutional officers? Why...how could this body consistently take the position that the judges should have no increase whatsoever and the constitutional officers should? I heard some discussion on the floor of the Legislature that a distinction should be made on the basis that the judges are fairly high salaried persons but it seems to me that the constitutional officers are also fairly high paid persons. Do you see any rationale for distinguishing between those two particular categories?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, and you will recall correctly, in fact, you have recalled correctly, I did vote to give the judges a raise for the same reasoning that I have got for promoting this bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would just comment, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, if in fairness we give a raise to the constitutional officers, I think that you should think and compare the constitutional officers to the state's judges who today at least we have said shall get no raise whatsoever for the next two years. It just doesn't make any...there is no consistency in my mind between the two positions that we are apparently about to take and I suggest to you that to make our position logical and fair that we need to think about the judges salary bill again before this session is over. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Did you want to close on your amendment, Senator Goodrich?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, just to state that this brings the... we're amending the A bill down to these figures so that the total cost for the forthcoming year of this particular bill will be \$9,363 and I move the adoption of the amendment, reducing the amount.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Goodrich amendment to 488A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted on the Goodrich amendment? Senator Goodrich, for what purpose do you arise?