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less than \$700 a month gross, that is gross, less than \$700. Now they do happen to be female, I'll concede that so maybe someone thinks they don't need so much money but I disagree. I think that there are people in the State of Nebraska whose salaries are so ridiculously low there isn't any way in the world they can survive on them let alone live decently. We are not in a position apparently to deal with those salaries and I can point out very frankly that the salaries of the judges are not adequate but they are starting somewhere around the \$40,000 - \$41,000 for the county judges and I would consider that to be, although not adequate, certainly much, much better than many of our state employees in our system, even in our University system. So I think that if you are going to vote to give this raise, and I recognize the problem that you have that the judges will not be able to have a raise again until 1985, but we do not know what is going to happen to the economy. We have had kind of a hard shell attitude on budgets around here lately and I would suggest that if we are going to be consistent that perhaps if we all tough it out together we might turn the thing around a lot faster than if we have one special class which has a little bit better of an advantage. I would hope that you would not adopt the DeCamp proposal. I believe it is not fair to many of the hard-working state employees and I certainly do not think it is fair to a lot of the people across the State of Nebraska whose businesses are in trouble and who are out of jobs and who do not have the resources today to pay the extra half a cent sales tax we have just saddled them with. So I would ask you to vote against the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I don't...I do now. Shall debate now cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is ceasing debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, very briefly, Senator Schmit mentioned hard times. Believe me if you have read a paper there is no one in here understands hard times better than John these days. We decided we would have a very moderate pay increase for state employees. We fought over it, haggled over it, so on and so forth. We agreed on it. All I am saying

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