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on the Governor to veto those portions you disagree with.

SENATOR LAMB: At this point I would like to introduce Gary Stover who is in the north balcony. He is our Big Red Harry Husker. If you would look up in the north balcony, he is a guest of Senator Beyer. Welcome to your Legislature, Harry. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess I would like to visit a little bit with you about this bill and I would urge you to reject Senator VonMinden's motion to kill it. I guess I am going to forget about the judges because I have talked about them so many times on the floor of this Legislature, I don't need to. With the exception of Senator VonMinden's talk about the big powerful judges reviving their bill, I don't think the credit goes to the big powerful judges, I think it goes to the redhead from Omaha, Senator Kilgarin, who urged and jabbed the Judiciary Committee into reversing its action. So I don't think that there was a lot of contact by judges to members of the Judiciary Committee, and I think if you visit with members of the committee, they will confirm that. I would ask you a second if you would listen for a second to think of the state's Attorney General. The state's Attorney General is paid \$39,700 currently. I think that it is incredible that we would ask the Attorney General to work for \$39,700. There are a lot of attorneys who make tremendously more than that. In fact, I know classmates of mine who will start, one for \$32,500. That is only \$7000 less than our state's Attorney General and I think that is ridiculous. This individual hasn't even passed the state bar exam. You know, I can't believe that we would hold our constitutional officers in such low regard in this body. Just because we are not paid commensurate with what legislators should be made, does not mean that we should punish or abuse the constitutional officers in the State of Nebraska by refusing to give them even this 5 percent salary increase. I urge you to reject Senator VonMinden's motion. I urge you to advance and adopt LB 488 even though I personally believe that it is grossly inadequate so far as judges are concerned and so far as our constitutional officers are concerned as well. I urge you to reject the motion and then to get about advancing LB 488.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Question.