

of their budget, so the figures from the court indicate that that \$16,000 represents one-third, a 33 percent cut of their remaining nonpersonnel funds...a 33 percent cut of their remaining nonpersonnel funds. That is quite a cut to a court which is being inequitably treated vis-a-vis the Supreme Court and the District Courts which are both exempted, and mind you no one stood up here this morning and made an argument that somehow the Supreme Court and the District Courts are different from the Workmen's Compensation Court. Nobody said that. Nobody has argued the equity of the situation. I don't think there is a distinction to be made there. Let me remind you also that this court in terms of...is not a burden on the state but is rather a moneymaker to the state, that each year through the fees and assessments that are charged employers and people who use the services of the court, it brings in more money to the state than it takes away. So this, of all the agencies that we deal with, this one shouldn't be looked upon as a burden. It is one that, in fact, financially assists the state, which I think is an added reason not to be so parsimonious about \$16,000. You know, I think a problem we have had with this whole process is that we have not been able in this special session to step back and take an individual look at each agency, and I think that is what we really need to do to be a reasonable body. But I don't think it is right that we sit back and take a miserly position on each and every proposition. I think we have to look to the reason and to the facts. Rejecting this amendment this morning would no more be the right path than being a miser is the right path to heaven. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, for what purpose did you...you have your light on. Senator Beutler was closing. Did you....

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will pass.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question then is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 8. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Apking is voting no. Apparently we have got a problem with her voting station. 10 ayes, 27 nays on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. The next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Labedz.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labedz.