

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President, it's also hard here to try and explain something when you've got half the people back there.

PRESIDENT: Would you hold up a moment, please. Incidentally, ladies and gentlemen, we have two famous guests with Mayor-elect P.J. Morgan, former two senators, Senator Eugene Mahoney and Senator William Skarda. Would you welcome them to our presence this morning. Thank you. It's good to have both of you back with us this morning. Would you hold up just a moment, Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, would you like to proceed now, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to bring to your attention some of the facts pertaining to LB 586. Now 586 is an 18-months program that would cost us \$383,000. I would like to explain to you what it is, therefore, the record will show what it is and why I'm going to vote no. This legislation states that one or two, possibly two retired judges will sit as an appellate court for the district court judges. There are only two that are qualified to do this. Now those two judges are going to draw a salary of \$14,000 the first year, which is fine. They deserve the \$14,000. But to support those judges we're going to hire two secretaries, 36,000; two law clerks at 58,000, and two staff attorneys at 67,000. And this is for an 18-months program, we're hiring these people for 18 months. So, for the first year, it's going to cost \$264,000. Then they're supposed to travel all over the state and help the district judges. Well, that's almost impossible in 18 months. It's going to take at least a couple of months for some of those judges and everybody to get out to other parts of the state. Now I have been told by Senator Kristensen, whose legislation this is, that this summer they're going to have an interim study on how to create a new appellate court to handle some of these problems. So I say with that information that do we really need to start a new program when it's going to be changed? Now what I'm leery of...and Senator Kristensen says it won't happen, that this will be carried on and financed year after year after year. He says, no, that isn't going to happen. So what we're going to do is these six people that we're hiring, we're going to fire them in 18 months. How many of you believe we're going to do that? We're going to hire two attorneys, two law clerks and two secretaries and at the end of 18 months just let them go. We