

SENATOR MCFARLAND: ...the salary structure so that we continue and will maintain a competent and excellent jury, or excellent judiciary in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, you tell me we have something.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Haberman's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, my motion, my amendment to Senator Haberman's amendment would change that percentage increase from seven to five. That's my amendment to Senator Haberman's amendment. You know, Senator McFarland almost brought tears to my eyes when he talked about how this is not a laughing matter, this is not a joking matter, it's serious. Do you notice how lawyers say that only when somebody is opposing what the judges want? He knows there are not representative females as judges. There is not a black judge in this state. Does that bother him? Is that a laughing matter? Is that a joking matter? Where are the lawyers and their concern for equity? Where are they? And I have discussed this with Chief Justice Hastings when he was before the Judiciary Committee. There were reporters there but they're not going to write any of these kind of things that I'm saying because it is white people protecting white people. It is a white male dominated system and you have white male reporters or white females who work for white males, and there are certain subjects that are verboten. They are not to be written about, they are not to be discussed, but people on the outside see it. And when I was trying to talk to the judge and there was some elderly lawyer from Omaha that I raised the issue with when they were trying to get us to vote to put two more district judges into the system. I asked him, have there never been qualified females, never? He said, well, more of them are coming out of law school now and I was wondering why he wanted to make it a numerical thing, that until a certain number of females were in the profession, none would be considered qualified to be a judge. Crazy. Chauvinistic. And there has never been a black district judge in this state. They had one black female municipal judge and I was more critical of her than anybody else because she was not qualified to be a judge. The stakes are too high, too many people's interests can be ruined by somebody like that, but I think they deliberately