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that if we continue with the salary increments that are presently there that we will end up not having the high quality people apply at all and we need to keep some kind of...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I'm sorry, did you say time?

PRESIDENT: Yes, but please finish your sentence.

SENATOR McFARLAND: We need to keep a high quality of person on the bench. It is an integral function that they perform in our society and I assure you that in five, ten, fifteen, twenty years there will be women on the bench, there would be blacks on the bench, there will be other minorities on the bench. The time is coming. It has not arrived yet, but it will arrive in the future and I can assure you that I'm not proud of the situation we're in now, but I think that the number of women, the number of minority lawyers that we have now, we're going to have them represented on the bench in the next few years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers, would you like to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would. Mr. Chairman, if Senator McFarland were at his desk I'd ask him the question that is burning in my mind and that question is, why does he take so many of his cases when they relate to discrimination or sexual harassment to the federal court rather than the state court and the answer is obvious. There is a better quality of justice that you're likely to receive in the federal court than in the state courts. He knows it and I know it and as a matter of fact, that's why a federal court system was created in the first place to protect people against the discriminations of various