

that these judges won't have that much work to do. Then it's going to give them this huge increase, move from 66,000 to \$96,000 in two years, a \$30,000 increase in two years. Their salary is not \$30,000, they get an increase of \$30,000 in two years. Good work if you can get it. Somebody said...well, Senator Kristensen had said the judges are earning \$66,000 now. Somebody other than myself, and Senator McFarland, but who sits in this row on this side of the aisle had indicated that they might be paid \$66,000 but they are not earning it, and that is true. These guys get this money, they can set their own schedule, they do sloppy work, and if you read some of the Supreme Court opinions as I do you can see it, and then they come in here. They get the creation of an appellate court amendment, submitted to the voters because this Legislature is going to give enough votes to that thing to put it on the ballot, so they reduce the amount of work. Then they're going to vote to give them a \$30,000 increase in salary in a two-year period. I read some places where people are upset at the modest increase we gave some of the constitutional officers over a four-year period. We're not talking about \$30,000 in two years, Senator Langford. You're going to vote to give them \$30,000 in two years? I got one no. Do I hear another no? Senator Haberman, are you going to vote to give them \$30,000 in two years, 30,000 in two years? What do you tell me, yes or no? Three votes. Do I hear four? Are there four, four, four? I got four. We have some people who I think are not going to vote to give that \$30,000 increase in two years. And let me make something clear here. I don't blame the judges at all. I don't blame them at all. I wouldn't blame them if they tried to get the \$30,000 at the first fell swoop and then increment it on up from there. People are going to try to feather their nest the best way that they can. And you notice how they are always portrayed as being disinterested in the affairs of the world. They are above all of that, but when it comes to that moola, here they come running, give me some money. They can get down and dirty when it comes to trying to get that money. They will get as deeply involved in this dirty political process as anybody or any lobbyist has ever gotten. They will grovel, they will beg, they will cajole, they will lobby, they'll do anything to get that money because money is the god of this world. And when those judges say in God we trust, they mean it, and the god they're talking about is green, that filthy lucre. Judges love that money. You could take a fishing pole and put some of that money on the end of that string and jerk it around and you would have them jumping around like little puppets on a string,