

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Proceeding then to General File, LB 42.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 42 was a bill introduced by Senators Schmit and Ashford. (Read title.) The bill was discussed, Mr. President, on Monday, February 13, I believe. At that time, there was pending an amendment offered by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers' amendment would strike "twenty" and insert "fifty", Mr. President. That amendment is currently before the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the Chambers amendment to LB 42, Senator Chambers. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature. This is an amendment that I offered yesterday to this bill and what it would do is raise the percentage of increase for the judges from 20 percent to 50 percent. This is being done pursuant to the thrust of the discussion that I listened to and absorbed from the supporters of increasing the salary of the judges. The main point seemed to be that if you want competent qualified people to even make themselves available to be selected for the position of judge, you must offer them a salary which might be, to some extent, competitive with the salary they command as a shyster out here among the public. So, since we want the highest-priced shysters that we can get to serve on the bench, we have got to pay them. My amendment is going to take the supporters at their word, give a substantial increase to these people who sit on the bench, and we will see what happens. The one who has spoken out most forcefully in favor of a raise of the magnitude that I am suggesting here was Senator McFarland. He said you should double or triple the wages received by judges, so I think he should support this amendment that I am offering. As I stated when I presented it the first time, I am going to support this amendment. If it is adopted, I will support the bill all the way across the board, and I will speak in behalf of it, and give a rationale as to why I think we should support the bill with this amendment attached, but only if this amendment is attached. I am going to tell you why I have a little problem. I wish Senator McFarland were here but, wherever he is, he may be listening. I had a bill that was designed to prevent the university from continuing to discriminate against certain categories of athlete. Senator McFarland, during the course of