

Mr. President, at this time an amendment to the bill from Senator Haberman. Senator, this is your amendment, AM2540.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Haberman, please, on the amendment to LB 42.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is that the first one or the second one, Patrick?

CLERK: I think this is the...this is the first one that I have, Senator. It is the bill grafting version as opposed to the handwritten version.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Is Senator Baack's amendment up next?

CLERK: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I will pass this and go on to Senator Baack's. I have an amendment on that, too, I think.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baack would move to amend the bill. Senator, your amendment is on page 793 of the Journal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and colleagues, I don't often get involved in these debates that the lawyers seem to get involved in in this body, but it seemed like that this might be the time to try and provide a possible reasonable compromise on this bill. I voted for Senator Chambers amendment to give them a 50 percent increase because I do believe that we do need to increase judicial salaries, and I do believe in the concept that if you do offer a good salary and good compensation you do enhance the chances of improving quality. There is no guarantee of that, of course. We can't always have that, and Senator Chambers mentions a number of cases that show that there are judges out there that sometimes don't necessarily use the best common sense, but there is no way that we can legislate common sense, I don't think. So what my amendment does is my amendment would take that initial bump that is in the bill of 20 percent, and my amendment would say that would be...my amendment actually just states the salary of seventy-nine, five, is what the salary would be beginning on January 3rd of 1991 for a Supreme Court