

with you and I would run out of time before I've finished. So, Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have on this one?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You have a little over three minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will give this time back and then wait until I turn on my light.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. Next to speak on the amendment to the amendment would be Senator Schmit, but before he does, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some guests of Senator Kristensen. Under the north balcony, we have Mr. Al Smith and his son, Mike, and they are from Kearney. Would you both please rise and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for joining us today. Senator Schmit is next to speak. I don't see him here so I will recognize Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Chairman, and colleagues, I do rise in opposition to this amendment. I think that the original amendment that I offered at 13 1/3 percent is a reasonable compromise. I think that, you know, anytime you have a bill like this, of course, you are going to have an auction on the numbers. We all know that when it comes in, but I think that in this case I think that we need to raise the salaries to the point that we feel comfortable that we are going to be able to increase the quality that we have in the judicial system. There is no guarantees, of course, but we are going to try and do that. And I think that that 13 percent, 13 1/2 percent is a very, very reasonable compromise in this case. I think that we do need to increase the salary. I think that is very evident that we do need to do that. I think 13 1/2 percent moves us much closer to the median salaries in this country and moves us up on that scale to the point where I think we can attract the kind of people that we need to have in our judicial system. So with that, I will oppose this amendment of Senator Haberman's and urge the body to do so, also, and, Senator Chambers, now I will sit down and be quiet.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Chambers, you are recognized for your own time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I didn't know that Senator Baack would stoop to the level of revealing confidential communications in that fashion. Senator Kristensen, if you don't mind, Senator Baack's original