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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right...that would be the 13, whatever.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And then you are going to go seven and seven.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then when do you expect that they will come in for an additional amount, some more increases? When do you think they will come in?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I would assume when those would run out. I think it would be truthful, I am sure they would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The ones that are in place haven't run out yet and here they are again. What would make you think they would wait until those run out?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, but if you don't act this year, you are going to have a gap.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who will that hurt?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: All of us.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will it hurt the taxpayers?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because they should be given the honor and privilege of paying some more money so the judges can get another increase or how will they be hurt?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: They will be hurt by the lack of competence in maintaining the quality of judges.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if we don't give them a 7 percent increase, the quality of those on the bench now will lower, right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then they will have the same quality then that they have got now.