

and there will be two 7 percent increases coming down the line. I think that it's a step in the right direction. I think that we need to...we needed to provide some enhancement for the judicial salaries. I would have liked to have seen it a little bit higher but I think that right now we have reached the position of that's a fairly good compromise and, with that, I would simply urge the adoption of the amendment and then the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Baack amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Baack's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Baack amendment is adopted. Now we're back to the advancement of the bill. Senator Schmit, your light is on. Senator Baack, we're back on the advancement of the bill, would you like to speak? Senator Baack, would you like to speak on the advancement? Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this little bill is something like one that had a whole lot of people who were claiming it and now nobody wants to deal with it, and I, who am opposed to it, am the first one willing to speak on it. I think the rate should have been about 7 percent. I do think that 10 percent is much better than the 20 percent and I think the judges will be glad to get any amount. I'm not going to vote for the bill and I think I made that clear. However, those who want to see the judges get an increase could vote for a bill like this and show that they were being reasonable compared to what was originally sought. But since there are three increases built into it, three increases, the judges are coming out very well, and, although if you added all of the increases together now, it would come out 24, they're really getting more than that because it will not be 24 percent of their present salary. They're going to be up to \$70,000 in July, then 10 percent of that to make them 80 and some small change for them but quite a bit for us, then 7 percent on top of that, then 7 percent on top of that, plus, as Senator Haberman mentioned, the retirement benefits that automatically go up also. They have done very well here today and don't let that cagey Senator Schmit fool you, he knows what he has achieved by getting this 10 percent for them. He may not tell you but he