

sometimes let criminals go, Senator Chambers, and for that real technical reason their constitutional rights, and you know it and I know it. Those judges have to make some very, very difficult decisions and, sure, we all have a judge that we probably don't like. Believe it or not, even I have a judge I don't like. But I tell you, he deserves to be paid fairly. And the people of the State of Nebraska owe it to themselves as well as the judges to fix a compensation that's at a fair level. And, yes, there is a salary increase that will end. It's a cost of living basically that's going to end in July and the next pay raise increase won't come in till 1991. Even in the Governor's veto message she talked about the severe need for judges' salaries to be increased. And, in the long term, the real...the real losers are going to be the public, not the judges. The public are going to be the real losers because we're going to lose the quality of people that are going to want to keep on the bench to continue to take the shots that a lot of people take at them and that's exactly what they are is shots. It's real easy to be a Monday morning quarterback and come down and say, I disagree with it. I do it to the Attorney General. Everyone of you have done it to a judge. I've done it too. But it's real tough to sit up there and make those tough decisions, knowing you can't go back out in the press and make those counterarguments. Quite frankly, they are very dedicated people that can't fall further behind. We cut the original bill in half here on the floor and I think that's a fair and reasonable amount to live with if you look at what the judges are going to be raised up to, approximately 83 or \$84,000, for the Nebraska Supreme Court. And, with that, I would...I'm sure there will be some other discussion but when Senator Chambers stands up to harangue the judges, just remember, it's the same verses, it's the same shots that have always occurred and we'll give it the same answer. They're dedicated people in a tough position and even he can't do it with a straight face. And, with that, I would ask you to override LB 42. Thank you.

PR.SIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, people are saying, oh, there goes Haberman again, he hates judges. He has never supported judges. Well, that's not true. We have exceptional good judges. We have good judges. We have mediocre judges and we have poor judges. But when you increase the salary of a judge it's not increased on the performance, their