

schooling, the papers they present or the reform in the system that they come up with. Everyone of them gets the increase, exceptional, good, mediocre or poor. That isn't right. That is not correct. Now I'm going to give you a couple of reasons why that isn't correct and why the judges should not receive an increase in salary. In April 8, 1990 World-Herald, there was a man who has had seven drunken driving convictions over the past 11 years, seven drunken driving convictions. Thank God he didn't kill anybody. But the district judge, the district judge sentenced this man to probation with a permanently suspended driver's license which is usually a felony. This judge took this man who had seven convictions of drunken driving and put him on probation. And you want to give this judge an increase in salary? Is that what you want to do? It's being appealed to the Supreme Court. That's going to cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars. But this judge felt he was going to teach this man a lesson. Davis originally sentenced Floral to five years in prison on a felony count. Monday the judge changed the sentence to probation, ordering that Floral abstain from alcohol and not drive, as conditions of the sentence. Now I ask you, I ask you, in all sincerity and in all honesty, does this type...does this type of action cause for an increase in salary? Now we have heard time and time again, and I have heard it time and time again in my 12 years down here, give us more money and we will give you more quality judges. They have to have more money. We don't have quality people applying for judgeships. I have a newspaper clipping here that's dated March 29th, 1990. Seven attorneys in Lincoln, seven of them are applying for county judgeship. Now if the salary is not adequate, if the salary isn't adequate, and if the hours are too long, and if the pressure is too great, why do seven attorneys wish to become judges?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have seen it happen, fellow senators, when an attorney arrives in court 15 minutes late and the judge says, this is my court, you're late, you're case will be next week. And the attorney says, your honor, I'm sorry, I was caught in a traffic jam and couldn't be here on time. Don't tell me your problems, this is my court, not your court, and, on top of that, you appear in my court in a suit and tie. Do not come into my court with a sports shirt. Well, fellow senators, that isn't his court, it's the court of the people. We have the finest court system in the world but you would never know it by some of