

the way these judges act when you come into their court. And the attorney will say, well, your honor, my client has traveled 100 miles.

PRESIDENT: Time. Time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: He stayed all night and it has cost him a lot of money. I don't care, you're late, I will see you next week. You come back next week in my court and you be here on time. But what happens, fellow senators, when the judge is 15 or 20 minutes late? Why, that's fine. His honor couldn't be there. His court didn't start on time.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And you know what? Nobody could do anything about it. Therefore, I ask you to sustain the veto on the increase on judges' salary. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Warner and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, after that preempted strike by Senator Kristensen, there is no way in the world that I could say the kind of things that he has said that I would say about the judges, especially when I couldn't say it more convincingly and persuasively than he, himself, said. I meant when he was talking about their incompetency, their unfairness, etcetera, etcetera, to quote Senator Chizek. But what I am going to talk about is something that the Governor mentioned. But before I get to her veto message, I want to state here that I believe a mistake was made when all of the salaries of all the judges at all levels were tied to those of the Supreme Court. When they were tied to the salary of the Chief Justice, that was a way of insulating the incompetence from any kind of scrutiny because the arguments can be made that Senator Kristensen is making. The Chief Justice and those on the Supreme Court work very hard. They are overworked already. They have got too many cases, trying to do the best they can, and that way we never get a chance to look at that incompetency that, in fact, does exist at lower levels. And, despite what he said about the problems, you never see a rash of resignations from the bench because there is too much work and there is not enough money. They've got a comfortable feather bed to rest in for the rest of their natural lives and,