

Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I haven't been speaking very frequently on the status of things because it's only larger items that at least individually tend to make a difference. And I would merely comment on LB 42, while its impact initially is not so much, nevertheless, if this override is successful and if LB 1059 is successful, there would still remain 2.1 million available in a sense and still be above the statutory 3 percent reserve but it does begin to get us in difficulty in the out years because then we will have a continuation that will be higher than what could be sustained even with 6.5 percent growth during the next biennium. But that's not my...what I wish to express. Senator Chambers, has, in fact, already expressed my concern. I would have no problem at all with \$100,000 salary for Supreme Court judges. I could support that very readily. But the tie, as pointed out by Senator Chambers, that was enacted a few years ago and which, unfortunately, I have to say I voted for, but that tie makes it increasingly difficult for me to support this increase as it is proposed all the way down the line. And, for those reasons, I will not do it. But, secondly, again it has been pointed out in the case of judges it is not like other constitutional officers. Those salaries, as a practical matter, can be adjusted several times in the course of that four-year period because whenever, as you all know, whenever a new judge comes on, that's considered a new term for all and, therefore, effectively triggers the salary adjustment. So it's not the same situation as we face with the other constitutional officers, whether it's a one-shot opportunity. With those comments, I do not intend to support the override.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, it's always interesting to me about how minds can be changed from one vote to another, how righteous and indignant we can be about a system that was never discussed or debated any time across the board. My friends, Senator Warner, Senator Chambers, spoke about the tie of the Supreme Court judges to the rest of the system. I do not believe there was an amendment proposed by either of those fine legislators to separate one from the other. I ask them now, is one level of justice more important than another? I don't think so. The county court handles the heavy workload in