

going to come in here and glare and frighten anybody. Sometimes they say the first hen that cackles laid the egg. That's the first time I heard that I glared and it's the first time I heard somebody was frightened by it. But we need to stick to the issue here and the issue is the subject that we have been discussing. I have said, from the beginning of time when they tied the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court salary to all the other courts that it was a mistake and I told Chief Justice Krivoshka that the day was going to come when he would rue it because it would stop the Supreme Court judges from getting the increases they needed because there are too many senators in other parts of the state who see these judges not doing the work they should, having a lot of idle hours and doing the kind of things that Senator Haberman mentioned. Now if people don't pay attention when I talk and hear the things that I discuss, then I can see why, on a veto override, it's the first time they heard it because it's the first time they listened. Now I didn't talk to Senator Schmit about anything. But we were here, Senator Hefner and I, trying to lower the amount of the salary increase, reduce the percentage increase, and I had indicated to Senator Kristensen and some others that if that were done, then I would not bother the bill the rest of the way across the floor. In other words, that was not a stratagem which would be used later on to try to reduce the amount more and then offer amendments to the bill. It was a situation which I did, as I said that I would do. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Oscar Wilde. The picture of Dorian Gray. But, anyway, this is a situation before us which the Governor has presented so that we have an opportunity to undo that precipitated vote on Final Reading. Three point seven million dollars is a considerable amount and, based on that increase, we need to uphold the Governor's veto and tie this into other amounts that are going to be considered this afternoon. If the Supreme Court can recognize that tying their salaries to all the other court systems was a mistake, then perhaps they will work with us to bring about a change and, in addition to that, they will look at the serious problem of redistricting. As long as the majority of the population is in eastern Nebraska, we're going to have a majority of the judges being put there. The judge who is the Chief Justice has to reallocate those judges and put them where the work is. Those judges who are not doing anything or scarcely anything have an obligation to earn their salaries and they are not. We should not reward lack of work by increases in salary. And until the Supreme Court, notably the Chief Justice, will assume his responsibility to allocate the manpower in the