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LB 490

CLERK: Senator Kristensen would move to amend, Madam President, by striking Section 5.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen to open on his amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Pursuant to the discussion we just had, Senator Vrtiska, if people will look at their...the green copy of LB 490, there is a one-sentence Section 5, and that talks about, each commissioner shall receive an annual salary equal to 85 percent of the salary set for the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court. What I do, and then it talks about necessary expenses, that's still...I mean that's still something that's going to occur. All I'm doing is striking out that Section 5 because there are other references that would allow the expenses to be charged. If I take that reference out that's just striking that section. Then when the A bill comes through I'm going to go to fiscal and we'll...whoever is interested, but I'll go to you, to Senator Chambers, Senator Stuhr, if you'd like I'll come to you and show you those salary grades, and then we can have a policy discussion on the A bill about where the starting salary grade ought to be. But then that would...that's probably better policy than to tie them to judges salaries anyway. And with that, I would urge the adoption of this amendment. Again, all it does is strike Section 5 of the green copy of LB 490, and to the extent that the E & R people want to make that reference, that's our intent to solely take that sentence out of the green copy. And I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Lynch, to speak to the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: No, on the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schimek, to speak to the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Kristensen, I just want to make sure that I understand what you're proposing here. When you're talking about putting them on a salary grade, that's not...is that a salary level that's already established for state employees?