

LB 189, I have said to the people in the rotunda, use my bill, LB 189 as the vehicle for the pay raise. There are other things in it, but use it because it is the only bill out there. It is not my fault, it certainly is not my fault that the lobbyists for the district court judges association either didn't see it important enough to get a bill prioritized or couldn't get their own bill prioritized. That's the job of the lobby out there to get that done. What I said is if you want to use LB 189 as the vehicle, you can do it. There are other issues involved. Senator Robinson, vote no on the Sarpy County judgeship. I think their case can be made that we need it. It certainly is a lot cheaper than the million dollars, though, that this is going to cost us for judges.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I support my amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, I am a little confused. Senator Withem, what...what bill, if we didn't have 394, what bill would we've paid the judges under, or would there have been an increase this year, would you respond?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: As I understand, it was your bill that was introduced, was in the Judiciary Committee, it was advanced from the Judiciary Committee and nobody bothered to declare it as a priority bill. Maybe it wasn't your bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: LB 721.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 721.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Which changed the statutes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right. And I don't know...I don't know where to start, but, Senator Chambers, it isn't really a matter of naivete that we are in this process. We put this in because we sincerely felt the judges were entitled to a pay increase, more...I realize they would have been paid whether we had taken