

nothing will be done. So the Bar Association should pay its lobbyists handsomely because they won on this whole thing, and the judges will get their increase without opposition from me, that I usually give, because I have other fish to fry. And unlike what Senator Kristensen indicated my attitude is, I think there are occasions when judges and everybody else who works are entitled to increases in salary. There have been times in the past when I've tried to raise the salary to a level that I thought was appropriate based on the seriousness of the work that judges do, but the Legislature was not willing to do that and wanted to proceed step by step, sometimes a half step forward, and maybe a full step backward, and judges' salary increases got mixed in with a lot of other issues. But that occurred because of the way the judiciary handled itself,...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because of the involvement of former chief justices. I am not going to use the opportunity to go into all those things, as I see them having occurred, but I did have to make one comment. So I won't say any more on LB 394, and I hope I can restrain myself when LB 189A comes before us.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no other lights, Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Hall, members. I think I've explained the way everyone understands. I do want to thank Senator Chambers for telling us the source of at least some of his witticism. It's interesting to know that you do watch some of the media occasionally, Senator Chambers, and I appreciate knowing that. I wished I knew the outcome of the story. But I will move on with this story, thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 394. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR HALL: The committee amendments are adopted. Next item on the bill, Mr. Clerk.