

funded in this bill, mainly because this budget in particular is heavily personnel and there is really no leeway in making adjustments in terms of agency savings or whatever. So the 4 and 3 1/2 is in at that level, and it is fully funded at that level. The way these are...the way this reads is the way it is. Now as to the question on the A bill on LB 19, I will check that Senator Pirsch and give you an answer on my next time around, but I do rise to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. I am not quite clear, are you proposing to not give the judges an increase in salary, leave them at their base level that they have been at for several years, that is what you are proposing? Okay, and I oppose that amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President. Is Senator Lindsay on the...still on the floor or nearby?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Let's see. Possibly the Speaker could answer this. Would the Speaker yield to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I will try.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Senator, are you aware as to whether or not the Governor has agreed to the provisions that are currently in LB 189?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is my understanding that the Governor would find these acceptable.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Part of my...part of my concern at this point in time, given the climate of the last couple of days, is that the Legislature go ahead and approve the increase in the salaries for the judges at the 4 percent and the 3 1/2 percent level that each individual state employee will receive, although the aggregate, according to the vetoes of the Governor, the aggregate salaries would only be at 3 percent for state, all state employes, but part of my concern at this point in time is that we go ahead and pass the provisions that are in LB 189, a couple of which I agree wholeheartedly with, that Senator