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speaking, but I can't finish the thought, so I will stop at this point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Chair recognizes Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, appreciate the discussion, I think it's been good discussion. The thing that I really hope we will not lose sight of is that this is the first part of the process; this is the first step. And I urge that we keep this, that we begin this journey, that we keep this bill in play. Of course there will have to be a reconciliation as it relates to the money. That's what we have the appropriations process for. We'll have the input of the executive branch. This may not be the way the bill ends up. But, if we do not advance it, then we cannot continue to keep it in play. It's as important as has been stressed on the floor. I don't want to overtalk the legislation, but we need...this is our third branch of government. This is justice. We do need to be able to adequately and fully and fairly compensate these people, and the statistics are that we are not keeping up. So I urge this first step of the process and the advancement of LB 350. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Chair recognizes Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, I would yield my time to Senator Chambers.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. And this is the last time I will speak on the bill. The Chief Justice, according to the constitution, is in charge of administering the courts. You have to have a head. The Chief Justice also serves as the Chairperson of the Judicial Qualifications Commission. Because of serving that position, although the constitution does not require it, nor do the statutes dealing with the Judicial Qualifications Commission, that is the one that disciplines or recommends it. In past years the Chief Justice has always recused himself, when a decision was to be made by the court on