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progression out to 92.5 percent in the year 2003, for the purposes that I described, and that is what I propose to you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 839, Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I support Senator Beutler's amendment. A lot of people may not be aware of the differences in work done by the county court, the district court, the court of appeals, and the Supreme Court. Since we're talking about the county court, I want to address some comments to what those people do. And I assure you I'm not going to speak in technical terms, not legal jargon. This is the court where, to use the cliché again, Senator Redfield, the rubber hits the road. This is the court where most citizens who have any business with the judicial system will wind up. This really is the court where maybe the highest salary ought to be paid, because this is where the hard work must be done. The winnowing takes place here. A county court judge must make a decision, no matter how difficult the issue, no matter how complex. If it's a matter over which the county court has jurisdiction and it's presented, the county court must make a decision. And many times it has to be done on the spur of the moment, it has to be done at the time that the matter is presented. They don't have the luxury of retiring to their chambers and cogitating, wool gathering and discussing the issue at length of clerks and others who may be able to give some enlightenment on the law. There are so many cases that come that decisions have to be made. And we know that errors will occur in that pressure-packed environment. That's why you have a district court that will review some of the decisions of the county court, then you have the appellate court, and then up to the Supreme Court, if necessary. But remember, this is the court where much activity, much work is going on all the time. Therefore the opinion that the public develops, relative to the court system, will be based on their experience in county court. We should not have a salary level so much lower than the other divisions of the court system that the public is justified in feeling that, since they get an inferior salary, we're getting an inferior justice. Forget again the individual lunkheads,