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'cause I've got some of them on my list, and I'm drafting complaints against some of them right now, not while I speak here, but I'm thinking about it all the time. If we had no Code of Judicial Conduct, these judges would not be mandated to be courteous and respectful to litigants, to lawyers, to employees of the court. When judges don't measure up to that standard, complaints often are brought to me because people think I will do more than the judicial system itself in correcting these problems. And this is why I am processing complaints. But at the same time, if we eliminate that gap between the salary that county judges receive and judges on these other courts receive, we may be able to draw a higher quality lawyer, because you have to be a member of the Bar to be a judge in Nebraska, except when it comes to the Supreme Court. Therefore you all may be fortunate enough to have me in that position at some point, if we get a very wise governor who will make the appointment. I am trained in the law, I do have a law degree. But all that aside, suppose you came into court and you saw a sour-faced person sitting up there who was rude to you, disrespectful towards you, and all of the things that negatively can happen to a person.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Less than one minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You would not want that to happen. We know that the pressure of a lot of work being required to render decisions very rapidly can sometimes wear on the nerves, and maybe a person will not behave as we would desire. I think if we give a decent salary, it might go a long way in helping these people to realize that they're well-compensated for what they do, or at least compensated to the same extent as other judges.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am reluctant on the underlying bill, 839, in that I think that the differential is borne out, in part, by the kinds of cases. But I'm a possible one voting for 839. Senator Beutler asks for an amendment which I think, as he described it, takes a certain logic to its conclusion. There is also a political reality that needs to be addressed. And normally, this is the kind of thing we wouldn't talk about on the floor, but since it's the truth,