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was about to drown without help, but then along comes the devil. So you'll see from that second sheet that Bartu chose to quit rather than fight. That cavalier attitude went out the window. I'm better than the FBI. When I come after one of them, I have the evidence. I've got to put my light on one more time on the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Don Pederson, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I think it's disappointing, Senator Chambers, for all of us when anybody in a position of authority abuses that authority, and I think that goes to all the businesses and all of the professions that we're talking about. And I particularly am bothered by a judge that would abuse his position as I'm bothered by a teacher that would abuse it, by a minister that would abuse it, and there are countless places in our society when this occurs. I signed on to this bill, and I believe that the reason that I signed on is a matter of eminent fairness among people in public office. And this bill just simply says that when a person receives a pay increase, that all others doing the same activity will also receive the pay increase if they are serving as a judge. We just have a strange provision in our law that says, in effect, that people's pay cannot be increased during their term of office. This is simply to clarify that those people doing the same work at the same time will receive the same pay for that. I think it's a matter of fairness and I regret that we do have the problem with the judge that Senator Chambers is referring to, but I believe that what we are talking about today is a matter of eminent fairness, and I would urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I am afraid that Senator Pederson said exactly what I would like to say and that is it's regrettable when anyone in a position of authority and responsibility abuses that position, and in that regard I agree with Senator Chambers. But the issue in this bill is really something entirely different. It's really a question of equity and fairness. We have a very