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one instance might the next year be a lesser load. I know that there are some . . .

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, I'm trying to get some order. Could we have some order for Senator Schmit please. Excuse me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think in order to try to assign salaries according to case load is totally impossible. I would hope that eventually the crime load is going to decrease and the case load is going to decrease. I don't think that we can perhaps at this time try to adjust the salaries based upon case load. I agree with Senator Dworak. There's some disparity. I'm being as practical as can be. I don't think that we can cut down that disparity any more at this time. I wish we could. We can't. We've tried it. We failed. I think we should go with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I still oppose this bill. I wish that someone would explain to me who evaluates this court system. Who justifies this increase in the salary? The reports that I personally had on the system, outstate, have been negative. Many of these reports have come from the law enforcement officers who deal closely with the court. I don't think there's any justification based on the reports that I have to increase these salaries at any point. I think that we should have some evaluation of this system. If we're expected to vote for an increase in salary I think there should be someone that would be able to evaluate this program and give us a report on it and justify any increase in these salaries. I definitely oppose an increase.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Question of Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh, what is the current district judges salary?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: 32 . . . 31,5 I think.

SENATOR MURPHY: Now I'm not talking about a county district judge, I mean district.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yeah I know.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well really . . . my second question. . .

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: 31,5.

SENATOR MURPHY: When we raise this up to the district judges level how fast is he going to be in here for 45?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I suppose as fast as he can get here.