

March 21, 1983

LB 28, 151, 246, 247,
269, 284, 286, 347,
503, 564, 575

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, I have a report from the, excuse me, I have a communication from the Governor regarding the appointment of Mr. Gary Goldberg to the Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee, signed by Governor Kerrey.

Miscellaneous Subjects reports LB 564 advanced to General File; 28, 151, and 347, and 575 all indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by Senator Hefner.

I have a report from Senator Hefner regarding confirmation hearing.

Education reports LB 284 to General File and LB 286 to General File, both signed by Senator Vickers.

Public Works reports LB 503 to General File, 246 and 247 indefinitely postponed, both signed by Senator Schmit as Chair, and, Mr. President, I also have a report from the Public Works Committee on a confirmation hearing.

Mr. President, LB 269 was a bill introduced by Senators Landis, Chambers, Beutler, Cullan, Schmit, and Hoagland. (Read title). The bill was read on January 14, referred to Judiciary. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sam Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what is before you is LB 269, the judges salary bill. The bill calls for an increase in the salaries of the judges and what we anticipate to accomplish is a salary from \$48,314.80 for the Chief Justice to \$60,862.73 for the Supreme Court. The district judges would go from \$44,691 to \$56,298; the county judges would go from \$41,067 to \$51,733. Juvenile Judges would receive the same salary as district judges and the workmen's compensation court would receive the same salary as county judges. You have received several pieces of information this morning with respect to 269 and I would like to briefly call your attention to some of it, and the first one is the handout which shows a large number of individuals and their salary history from 1979 through 1983. For that period of time, you would note that the Supreme Court received a total salary increase for the five year period of 12% or a little over, approximately 2½% per year for the entire five year period. That, as I am sure each of us in the room would concur, is a very, very low increase in the salaries of the Supreme Court of