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LB 19A, 189

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 19A passes with the emergency clause attached. LB 189.

CLERK: I have a motion on the desk. Senator Chambers would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to open on his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Clerk, were these motions printed?

CLERK: They were, Senator. The first one is on page 2650 of the Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And members of the Legislature, this...these motions are serious, and the first one, oh, would strike to what amounts to the first section and that is the judicial salar...the judges salary. This first amendment would strike all of that language completely. There is another one coming that would reduce it if you chose not to strike it altogether out of the bill. And it might seem that I ought to be a good sport and not offer these amendments after LB 19 passed, but even though my name was on it, if it hadn't passed, I wouldn't have lost a wink of sleep because of it. And I won't link my bills to others because after the way I carried on this morning, if I was worried about how that might impact on a bill that I had first thing up, I wouldn't have done what I did this morning, but the judges salary increase is something that I didn't feel comfortable with when we talked about it earlier. It was tied into other considerations, which often happens around here. But now we have the bill in its final form, and we know exactly what it is we are being asked to pass into law. There are other provisions of the bill with which I disagree because I don't think enough strength or meaningfulness is in the language. There are a number of senators on the floor who worked on every aspect of this bill, and I'm not saying the same senators worked on each and every aspect, but this bill represents work by a number of senators. There was a lot of anger involved in the negotiations, from what I understand, and some people feel that complete honesty was not shown by one side of the negotiation on at least one aspect of the bill and I won't...I won't identify the party any more specifically than that, but I am saying that to indicate this bill is not one of those pieces of legislation on which there is total agreement,