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workers' compensation judges will fit into that level. The way the statute reads right now, they get 85 percent...and that's how we run salaries...they get 85 percent of the Supreme Court. This...the amendment, and I think, Senator Will, correct me if I'm wrong, but this would move them up to 92.5 percent of the salary set for the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, which is the same level that we do for the district courts. So, you're just...if you're looking at layers of jurisdiction and looking at responsibility levels, this would put them all on the same level to do that. I think that Senator Will was correct in terms of talking about the funding mechanisms for this. With that I'd certainly be happy to answer any questions I could. I would support, and quite frankly, I didn't know if the day would come that Senator Will and I would ever agree on an amendment together. This is probably...March 21st, 1997, this might be the first one. So, I would yield back my time, Mr. President. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thanks, Senator Kristensen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature. Senator Kristensen just said everything I would have said, so I just would support the amendment also. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will, there are no further lights on. Would you care to close? The question is, shall LB 853 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment? All of those in favor vote aye. Opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Will's motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is returned. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Will's amendment on page 1032, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'll be very brief. I think the amendment has been explained fully on the discussion on the motion to return. I would simply indicate that if anyone has any questions, I think Senator