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the state library process and so this amendment will clarify that and it will also eliminate the six year term of office and I think that is important because the people in that classification, that six year term for the court, they cannot get any increase in their salary, have any salary adjustment for six years during that term of office until their term is up. That is the only time that they can get an increase and I think six years is a little unreasonable, and the bill as amended just simply gives the Supreme Court the power to appoint its officers and employees as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the court and the departments under its jurisdiction. That is all the bill does.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol, as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, would you care to add to that?

SENATOR NICHOL: I will not repeat what Senator Reutzel has said. I was not able to attend the hearing because of other hearings being carried on at the same time but as stated before, Mr. Dunlevey brought this to us. It was a problem with the Supreme Court. We thought it important enough to bring it to this body for their consideration. It is true that this is an expensive item for what seems to be such a small item, but it is a problem and it will be there until we do something about it. If you don't want to spend the \$25,000 or whatever it costs at this time, perhaps you can wait until some time later and maybe it will cost more. But we did it as a favor for the court reporter and it is here for your consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman. All right. The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, what is the motion before us?

PRESIDENT: The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 379.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. I support that motion, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. I am a member of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee and according to the testimony that I heard I do not feel that we need to put this before the people in the coming election. It has been mentioned that it would cost us approximately \$25,000. Well this is a fictitious figure. It will run closer to \$52,000 I believe. We have been getting along without this for many years and I see no reason to change this at this time.