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told us here today in no uncertain terms that it's the Legislature over here and the court over here, let the judges continue to eat and function at the level they've been eating and functioning at. Prior to this I didn't know there was such a sharp line of division and cleavage. So the judges know where I am when their salary comes. They've just about convinced me that I have no right as a legislator to vote on an increase of salary for them. Isn't it like a bribe...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Twenty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...isn't it like me trying to say perhaps I can gain favor with the judges by voting to give them more money? And you know, Senator DeCamp, you called me the moral prince of the Legislature, and wouldn't that be beneath me?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the third Fowler amendment to LB 53 (sic). All those in favor of that amendment vote aye...excuse me, Senator Fowler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR FOWLER: I would just briefly say that this is an amendment that is acceptable to the Bar Association, and I think it's the very minimum that could be done in this area. I still think it's unfortunate that the Bar Association will be using the Supreme Court and the power of the State Supreme Court to draw money out of all the attorneys so it can enter a commercial venture. They are willing now to have at least the capitalization of this insurance company come from other than their dues, and I think that that's the very minimum they could do, not just in terms of respect for the Supreme Court, but in terms of allowing its membership to choose whether or not they want to put their money behind a commercial venture. I agree with much that Senator Chambers has said about the arrogance of the Bar Association, and the arrogance of the courts, and this cozy relationship that they have, and the ability that they have to supposedly be able to rule things unconstitutional due to the separation of powers concept to try and limit what this Legislature can do. But they have acquiesced, or whatever, bestowed on us the opportunity to adopt this small amendment, and I think this Legislature ought to show its gratitude to the Bar Association by doing so.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of amendment number (3) of the Fowler amendment to LB 52. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the third Fowler amendment to LB 52. Have you all voted? Have you