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it is proposed, and what the Committee suggestion is since you can all read I'm sure, and if there are questions we'll get to those later. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend the Committee amendments and his amendments are on Page 1453 of the Journal.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, let me make some remarks about the Committee amendments while you're turning to the page. Mr. Chairman, those of us that have been here for a while have remembered the round-robins about salaries, and particularly judges' salaries. I remember the last time we passed it at the dark of night in a night session three or four years ago. The concern that Senator Stoney and I think Senator Nichol both expressed, that we do not get involved in an every year process with specific judges' salaries, is a sound one. The Hay report I think was \$5,000 of money well spent, to highlight...to highlight where we should be and try to approach the judiciary system in a sound and fair basis. The amendments I propose to you do two things. First of all, let me tell you that they are not effective until 1981. No salary increases will be granted until 1981. We will not have to deal with this issue again until 1982, which could preclude a large number of us not dealing with the issue at all, depending upon the fate of elections. Basically, what we've tried to do, and the Committee dollar level, and the amendments that I have in terms of dollar level are not that far apart except in one case, and I think that's the case that's been highlighted and that's with the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in 1981 their salary would go to \$53,000, District Judges by the Committee report would be \$42,000 and we propose \$45,500. The Hay report by 1982 proposes \$47,000. Juvenile judges go from \$41,000 to \$42,500. The Hay report by 1982 proposes they go to \$45,000. The County Judges outstate the proposal for '82 in the Hay report is \$40,000. The Committee report is \$37,000. Our recommendations are \$37,000. The metro area, the recommendations for the Hay report is \$40,000. The recommendation for the Committee is \$38,500 with no supplementals. Ours would continue the existing supplemental system. The Muni Court judges, the Hay report recommends \$38,000, the Committee \$38,000. We recommend \$40,000. Workmans Comp, \$37,050 is their current salary. The Hay report recommends \$41,000, the Committee recommends \$39,000. Our amendment