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debate cease? Do I see five hands? All in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the question of ceasing debate on...we are now discussing the Lewis amendments to the Committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases, and the Chair recognizes Senator Lewis for purposes of closing on his amendments.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, let me make my position clear again. I think I know the frustrations that some people feel in terms of increases of salaries and looking at dollar levels. I say a strong judiciary system depends on competent people on the bench, and competent people on the bench ought to be compensated in a fair and equitable way. I don't think they ought to be overpaid. The consultant that was brought in said that we need to make some kind of compensation here. Politically it might be smarter to cut them back to \$6,000, so you can say you saved money, but you're going to suffer with the system to start with. The proposals I have made are to give you the dollars so we don't address this in 1982, until 1982. If you'll figure those over a four year period, you're going to find that they are not inflationary in terms of the cost of living now. The only area of concern now is we have not compensated the Supreme Court the way we should have and we've got to make that kind of adjustment, and that was clear in that report. Mr. Chairman, the issue was clear and it's time for the vote. I urge the adoption of the amendment to the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Lewis amendments to the Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. It's a majority of those voting. We're voting on the Lewis amendment to the Committee amendments to LB 398. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I reluctantly ask for a Call of the House.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk, clear the Board. The question is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.