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I rise to oppose the committee amendments as amended. Our subcommittee did work long and hard and I would like to give you a rationale of how we arrived at the facts of the figures that we did. We did take into account the Hays report and also the American Bar Association Court Organization booklet which states: "Where judges of courts of higher jurisdictional rank receive larger salaries than judges of courts of lower jurisdictional rank, the differential should be small in recognition of the important responsibilities that all judges assume. Judges having major administrative responsibilities should receive additional compensation commensurate with those responsibilities." Going then to deriving the actual figures for the committee report, we felt that the differential between the lowest court, the western county courts of \$34,500 would be within the proper priority range of the highest court of Nebraska and according to what Nebraska could afford at \$45,500 for the Supreme Court, a differential of \$11,000. Keeping in mind what Nebraska and the Senators on the committee felt that they should be paying judges and keeping in mind the Hays report of eliminating the wide gap between salary ranges and also bearing in mind the American Bar Association report where the differential should be small in recognition of the important responsibilities that all judges assume, I respectfully oppose this committee amendment as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I only rise to oppose the committee amendments now as they are amended. I will still support them as they came from the committee but I oppose them as amended. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Shall debate cease is the issue before the House. Do I see five hands? Do I see five hands? Okay. You are voting on whether or not to cease debate. Have you all voted?  
Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I suppose when they get ready to vote on this they are going to have to have a Call of the House anyway. Why don't we have a Call of the House and see if they want to cease debate and vote on the committee amendments?