and the reason that I say so is Hay Associates, when they made the study for the judicial system here in the state, felt that that supplement that is being provided in Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy Counties and I believe in two or three other classifications, juvenile judges, muny judges, should be eliminated and the reason that they wanted to do that was to establish integrity within the system and establish uniformity and without this uniformity we perpetuate what we have had in the past. So this is what is attempted by providing this in this particular bill. Now I also would say in striking the ability to be considered on an annual basis just as state employees, that we are back to the same system that we have had in the past and that we have fought in the past. It has ended up on this floor as a system of auction on the amounts that should be given. Now what is more sensible for the judicial system here in the state but to be treated equitably and fairly and in the same fashion that state employees are. If the Legislature decides in one year that 3% is the amount that is available for appropriation for salary increases, well then most certainly the judges would be subjected to that 3% increase also. So it is not just an automatic increase that we have established on an annual basis. In any sensible system that is established for salary administration there is a provision that does take care of cost of living increases, inflation is taken into consideration and this has all been folded in and incorporated in this particular plan. So what I would encourage you to do is to look very very closely before you adopt this amendment because through adoption of this amendment we will revert to a system which we have had in the past which is totally unworkable. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte. We are speaking to the Reutzel motion to strike Section 6.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, for the past two years while serving on the Judiciary Committee, it seems as though year after year we come back, we discuss, we talk at great length as to what should be an increase for our judges. It seems to me that when we strike Section 6 what we are saying is this. You the judiciary, you the Legislature, are going to have to determine again what that increase is going to be. You are going to have to debate. You are going to have to deliberate. You are going to have to do continual research into what you think should be a fair and just salary for the Nebraska judges. In Section 6 of the bill it says this: It says that the salary of judges shall be increased on January 1