

now and I feel that the people of the State of Nebraska and these are the people that are picking up the tab and I am sure many of you believe that we must consider this important matter a proper relationship of judiciary salaries without the incumbrance of automatic future increases over which we have no control. One of our duties, an important duty as legislators, is to maintain control and watchfulness in fiscal responsibility and if we have to do this every year, every other year, then I think it behooves us to do it because we are given that responsibility as one of our jobs. I support Senator Reutzel's amendment to delete Section 6.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle and then Senator DeCamp. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak on the Reutzel motion?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I do want to speak to the Reutzel amendment. I think that in the squeeze that we are in and the way that we are operating as a state Legislature and the way we are hoping the nation will operate, that we should not build in any increases. I think that we should probably try it a year at a time. I know we don't like to have this come before us every year and I know the judges don't like to come either but I just can't help but think that we are either going to have to stick to the lid, the so-called lid that we are working under, the 7%, or get rid of it. I don't think we can work it for some and not for others. Now this we, of course, take into effect, the increase of state salaries but let's remember that the judges salaries to start with are much higher than most state employees so a percentage increase really doesn't help some of the people that were mentioned to take care of the nuts and bolts of working our state, whether it be a road department, the University or wherever it might be. So I think we should just pass the bill without Section 6 in it and see what it looks like next year. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, and then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do believe it is facts of life time and the facts of life are these, that this bill doesn't stand a Chinaman's chance in Hades of passing unless this amendment is adopted. This amendment, if it is not adopted, the bill will have the automatic escalation and you walk home to your public and you say, we just gave the judges \$100,000 a year and that is what is going to be said whether it is right or wrong,