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with are sensible. I know some of you think they are too high. Some of you think they are too low but at least it is something reasonable and sensible and I really feel that the judges themselves would be happy with this. I move for the adoption of these amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Nichol amendment to the bill. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the reason Solomon could get so many things done was that in addition to being a judge he was also a king and when you have the power not only to declare a judgement but to enforce it, then it is not too difficult to get people to say that you are very wise. In the situation we have before us here today there has been some confusion and I don't think the status of the bill has been clearly understood by most of the members of the Legislature and the difficulty I think comes from trying to follow the way the bill has been amended and other attempts to amend it. So right now the only thing that has been done to the bill in the original form is to strike Section 6. The amendments which Senator Nichol is offering now I think ought to be adopted even though parts of them I disagree with. At least this will put the bill in a form so that it can be discussed intelligently because it will make the bill intelligible. It will be... what page are those amendments on again, what pages? 1069 and 1070 in the Journal and if you would look at them you would then see what we have before us. I think the bill as it stands now unamended except for the striking of Section 6, probably will not pass so in order to begin to have a bill that can be discussed, a manageable, understandable bill, I would suggest that we adopt the committee amendments. This will take care of some problems relative to dates and other technical matters that are necessary to make the bill workable. Any substantive material which is attached to the bill or deleted as a result of these amendments can then be argued through but I think this amendment that Senator Nichol is offering is a general cleanup type affair, not all of which I agree with, but I am speaking in favor of their adoption so that we will have a manageable, understandable, although probably unacceptable bill. If we understand what we are dealing with we can come closer to hammering out something that may be acceptable. I am in favor of Senator Nichol's amendment.