

law so that it could be a three member compensation board, it could be a six member compensation board. It doesn't have to be a seven member compensation board as Senator Reutzel is suggesting and it would not have to be two from each congressional district. That would all be done by legislation. It would take out about half of this amendment and I think that all of this is unnecessary to have in the constitution. The primary thing and the most substantive change of all of this aside from the fact that it would speed up the process under which we could get a salary increase is that it would take out members of the judiciary. Let me explain ever so briefly why I think that it is important to take the members of the judiciary out. You know that Senator Reutzel himself has led a tremendous fight this year to oppose the Hays report which would allow for substantial increases in judges salaries. I don't know about the rest of you but I think that I might as well speak as frankly as I possibly can. I think that it is good that the judges of this great state remember that they are not all powerful, they are not insulated from everything and that every once in awhile they have to come before this body and ask for salary increases. That is pretty honest and pretty straight forward. I guess it bothers me, I will be even more specific that the chief justice of this great state has decided to interject himself into some local politics in Douglas County.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: I think that one of the things that we have to do as a Legislature is to make sure that we do not guarantee the judiciary of this state total freedom from any sort of responsibility or any sort of cooperation with other branches of government. I think that this destroys the checks and balances and I think that we ought to preserve that and I think that we ought to preserve that by striking the judiciary from this bill. I think Senator Reutzel, I have asked him on numerous occasions if he would be willing to compromise, if he would be willing to look at some other things. He is absolutely adamant on this point and I can say now that I can not support this bill if the judiciary stays. It is absolutely unreasonable, it is the only time the judiciary acts reasonable to anybody else in government and I think that that is so important that we ought not, even if it costs us our own salary increase, strike this section. I do not believe, in conclusion, I do not believe that this will add anything to the passage of this proposal. In fact, I think if the