

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, these amendments would increase certain judges salaries and the information is being handed down, as you will recall the other day when we adopted some amendments we apparently did a pretty decent job, or what some would consider a pretty decent job by the county judges but some of the concern was the higher courts were theoretically you would want to have a higher caliber or more experienced, lets say, district the supreme court so on and so forth, they were entitled to a little more and they didn't get quite the boost that they thought was fair and that would be proportionate with the county judges so the amendment that I am offering would give this additional boost to them and would do the things as laid out in the proposal that I am handing out. It amounts to 6% plus 6% which are within the wage price guidelines, it is not effective until 1981. No fiscal impact this year for those of you that are concerned about that. As I say that the thing is being handed out and it will effectuate the following changes. The supreme court currently \$43,000 as we have it. Judiciary Committee \$45,500 and the amendment that I am offering would be \$48,314. District court \$39,500. Judiciary committee came with \$42,000 this would run in then about \$44,382. Municipal court \$35,700 current. The Judiciary Committee suggested \$38,000, this would come in at \$40,112. Metro county court \$36,950. The current Judiciary Committee shot it at \$38,500 and what I am suggesting or what some people have thought might be reasonable is \$41,517. The compensation court \$37,050. The Judiciary Committee \$39,000. The amendment that I am proposing is \$41,629. Now remember we have the \$1,500 supplement for Douglas and Lancaster counties. That is the little variable that I put back in when I offered it here a few minutes ago. The amendments which I propose would result in a 6% plus 6% increase in the salaries. The salaries would not be effective until 1981. Thus, there would be no fiscal impact this year. This is the first year the judges would be eligible for an increase. In other words this 1981. These increases are well within the President's wage price guidelines and are less than the increases which are currently being considered for state employees. I might just point out. You know whenever you talk about numbers of 30 and 40 and 50 thousand dollars, and of course we don't have any 50 thousand here but when you get up in these numbers there is a tendency to say shoot, how could anybody be worth that much money. The point is a judge is somebody selected from so to speak the cream of the crop of the attorneys, hopefully, and he has heavy responsibility. It is your lives, your property, your future that are at stake when he is making those decisions. You are not going to get in there the qualified people unless you pay a salary that is