

commensurate with what he could make just practicing law. I would urge adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the DeCamp amendments to LB 368 (sic). Senator Nichol do you wish to speak as the chairman of the committee that processed the bill?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Here we go. The committee worked hard and as I told you earlier in the process, especially the subcommittee worked very hard to attempt to come up with some figures we thought would be acceptable to this body. Now we are starting the auction. Why is it that we want to do this each time? If you want to know what your people think about these salaries, go back and ask them. I think that you will find that the recommendations by the committee are adequate for the judges. I really think that. I hate to see this start. I don't know where these figures came from. I really do too I guess, but they are just plucked out of the air. Why do judges want more and more? I recommend that we stick to the suggestions as suggested by the Judiciary Committee and see what happens. If you want to adopt the DeCamp amendment, I think that is a good way to kill the whole bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the DeCamp amendment. I think that this raise is reasonable and fair and we must remember that this will not take effect until 1981. During the past six years or when we first started this new system, we have lost half of our county judges. I am told that one of the reasons why we have lost so many is because of the poor salaries. I would like to say this. Good judges come from good attorneys. These lawyers have good practices. When they have good practices they are reluctant to go on the bench. I feel that by increasing these salaries that we can attract better qualified attorneys. I feel that if we want to have a top notch judicial system then we must be willing to pay the price. We must be willing to pay a top notch salary. In this day and age we have an ever increasing complex law in our ever increasing complex society. Therefore we should be willing to try and attract good qualified attorneys for the bench. I urge your support for the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I have a question of John DeCamp, Senator DeCamp if he is here. Then I have a question of Senator...