

proposal. The district court, juvenile court, and Workmen's Comp courts are all paid equally...reason, each of these three courts appeal directly to the Supreme Court, and these amendments, as do the Committee amendments, completely eliminate all supplemental payments by counties. He can have the rest of the time.

SENATOR REUTZEL: I'd just like to respond briefly to Senator Nichol, since he wouldn't yield me any time. Senator Nichol, it's true, we're only reducing about a thousand dollars, but let's take that in perspective. What we're doing is reducing that a little over a thousand dollars over a three year period. Now that's the end result over a three year period. You're taking a figure from now and comparing it with a figure three years from now, and that's apples and oranges. We are reducing that rural county judges salary from that thirty percent down to something much more manageable. Now you talk about the Judiciary Committee and their reasonable approach, I don't think it was very reasonable and I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee. I don't think it was reasonable at all when we come out of here with a thirty percent increase for rural county judges...a thirty percent increase for any classification. Now you look at the other increases, sometimes they're four or five percent. Some classifications got eleven percent. It was a mishmash, and it's a difficult, difficult area, and we deal with it every year. As I said, we are giving some increases. Rather than rehash, this we spent a lot of hours on this bill, and rather than rehash this for my amendment to reduce one classification, go through it again and rehash the same arguments for Senator DeCamp's and who knows how many other amendments and open it up for auction again, I think in the spirit of time after what we've done today and what we've done in this last week, I'm willing to go along and compromise, and I will reiterate that I am not going to vote for 398 on Final Reading, but I think it's our responsibility if we're going to move that bill to Final Reading, I think it's our responsibility to put that in the best shape that we can knowing that we've got forty-nine different interests here, forty-nine different ways to solve the problem. But I think it's atrocious to give any one classification thirty percent, and that's what I'm trying to do is cut that down to a more manageable level.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I call for the question.