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LB 398

PRESIDENT: Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease on the Reutzel-DeCamp motion to return? Have you all voted? I'll give a couple of you time to get in. This is cease debate. The motion is to cease debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Who is going to close? Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I'll close for a while. Well, one of the questions always raised is, how come we pay judges so much money? I guess you have to pay for what you get. Now, we can set it up on the same system as the State Legislature. Put it in the Constitution and lock them in at some ridiculously low figure. I don't think that's the proper way to go. We've been vested with the responsibility of setting their salaries. I think we should look at the job, what kind of individual is required, what that individual is going to be able to earn in the outside. In other words, what do you have to pay to get that individual, whoever he or she may be to come in and say, okay, I'll be a judge. You know, it's going to cost some money, and that's what it is, and you can call it spendthrift or any other doggone thing you want but you're going to have to pay X number of dollars to get this qualified individual. That's all the amendment tries to do...set a rate that we think is reasonable.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the return for a specific amendment by Senator Reutzel and DeCamp on LB 398. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. No, we're not under Call. Have you all voted? Motion to return. This is a motion to return, yes. This is the motion to return. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 11 nays to return the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. LB 398 is returned. Senator DeCamp, who wants to make the motion to adopt the amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator DeCamp moves to adopt the Reutzel-DeCamp amendment. Is there any further discussion? Senator Haberman.