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LB 398

Senator Venditte called the question? Alright, the question. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, if you walk down to the Chevrolet Garage and you look at the car in the window, and it says \$6,980.00, you can bring that price tag here in the Legislature and you can debate just about as long and hard and fervently as you want, but they're not going to sell that car for much below the \$6,900.00. Sure as blazes they're not going to sell her for less than it costs them to buy. Now you may not think it but human beings are pretty much the same in marketing their skills. You buy a certain skill of a certain quality and a certain type and it costs you a certain amount of money. And if you pay less you get less where you start deteriorating. It costs about so many dollars and whether it's in the form of retirement and half a dozen other things, it costs about so much to hire a judge, and I think you want to have judges, although after this morning I'm having reservations. But anyway, we need a judiciary. We need a competent judiciary, and all I'm suggesting here is a reasonable salary scale. I wish I as a legislator were earning these salaries. I chose to come in here, a different one, which may not have been too smart, but I did. But the judiciary has to have hired some pretty competent people and it's going to cost a pretty good price, and it's that simple.

PRESIDENT: The question before the house is the Reutzell-DeCamp amendment to LB 398. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator DeCamp, what do you want to do?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well, we're not under Call now are we?

PRESIDENT: We're not under Call. I cautioned about removing the Call, but now you're back at it again.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I'd ask for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: Alright, clear the board. All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay. Have you