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average as the salary, 72 percent of their average salary for the last four years. So what I am saying is, I am giving you an opportunity...giving the Legislature an opportunity...do you want to cap one set of judges at 60 percent of their retirement pay and cap the next set of judges at 72½ percent, or make a distinction between the two? Or do you want to keep uniform between the two and cap the future judges at say 60 percent like the original members? The amendment...if you adopt my amendment, you are saying, okay, 60 percent is the ceiling for both categories of judges, future and original. If you don't want to...if you want to leave it at 72½ percent for the future judges and leave it at 60 percent for the original judges, then vote my amendment down. But that is your choice...do you want to keep it uniform between the two or do you want to make a distinction? My motion says keep 60 percent between the two...for each. That is all I have got to say. I am just giving you an opportunity to vote it one way or the other.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, on the bill. Senator Lewis, do you want to speak on the Goodrich amendment?

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the Goodrich amendment, and I want to ask Senator Goodrich a question.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Goodrich, do you yield?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Goodrich, would you be amenable to discussing the percentage we have always traditionally talked about in the committee and that is 66 2/3?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, I would.

SENATOR LEWIS: Would you mind if I amended yours to provide 66 2/3 for both classes of judges?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I would say I would accept that amendment, yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: I am going to do that then while you are closing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Have you got an amendment there?

CLERK: Yes. Senator Lewis moves to amend the Goodrich

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