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LB 188

Okay. Also underneath the south balcony, Mrs. Donna Burson from Gothenburg, Nebraska. She is Tom Vickers sister. Will you raise your hand so we can see where you are? Okay, now what is the next order of business? Are we ready to take up LB 188? Senator Nichol.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 188 is offered by the Judiciary Committee and signed by its members. (Read title). The bill was read on January 14. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee. It was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to explain 188?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the only purpose of LB 188 is to increase the compensation of judges of the Commission of Industrial Relations from \$150 a day to \$200 a day. It should be pointed out that this figure applies only to each day's time actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their office. There are five judges on the Commission of Industrial Relations and they average 70 days a year on the bench. If you have any questions, I will attempt to answer them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh has an amendment. Do you want to read the amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend the bill...(Read the Maresh amendment as found on page 500 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I was the only one that voted not to advance this bill. I wanted to have an opportunity to put on the amendment but the bill was greased and as you can see the report shows that it was advanced unanimously except with my "no" vote. I feel that this is too much of an increase, 35 percent. When you hear about the public employees, we are dickering if we should give them 8 percent or 12½ percent, when they read that we gave somebody a 35 percent increase, can you see how they will feel? So I think we should hold this down. If we start this kind of an increase, we are going to see that at all levels of state government and I think that the 20 percent increase would be justifiable but not a 35 percent increase. So I move this amendment be adopted. When we see people like here in the Legislature, people of such quality such as