

adopt this concept of unity, we will have all of them the same salary, of course, but we will have them tied together so that the Judiciary doesn't have to do this every year. Maybe this is good, maybe this is bad. As pointed out by Senator Vard Johnson, we are not adjusting the salaries in this bill and I think that is a good thing for the reason that we are getting the concept only, not as to whether we are raising or lowering judges salaries in any group. Not very much at least and I would think that the Workmens Comp Court would attempt to get their position in line commensurate with the other judges if they want to without attempting to snafu the bill. So, one thing that I would like to mention that I think is perhaps bad with the bill is this. At the moment, in my opinion and I think in most of yours, we have a very able, capable and hard working Supreme Court Justice at the moment. I think that he will continue to do so and be so as long as he is there. Our sympathies might be with the judges as a whole now to raise salaries because he is such a good one. It might be some day we would have a lousy Supreme Court Justice and we would want to lower everybody at the same time. This is one of the pitfalls that I see. I am really happy to get this bill before you so that you could decide whether or not you want the concept of tying all of the judges together. If you like it go for it. If you don't, of course, vote against it. But I think that the concept is more important than the amount of money in the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would like to announce the fact that the kolaches that you have on your desk were made by Senator Wesley's mother in honor of his 16th birthday and as far as I am concerned, I have got one half of a kolache, so I thank you. Senator Chronister. Senator Chronister do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. Chairman and members we have gone through all of these arguments before and everyone knows the issue. Even when LB 111 passes the Legislature still maintains the power to review the performance of the various courts. LB 111 simply creates a rational and dignified formula for setting salaries. I oppose the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I don't know how many of you were listening to Senator Chambers when he made his remarks, I was. Senator Chambers made some excellent points and I would like to back him up on what he said. First of all I would like to say that I do support an adequate salary for our judges, year by year if it is necessary.