

see LB 408 on today's agenda, that is listed on tomorrow's agenda as LB 608. So don't be disturbed. It really means 408 and it is on, it is the second bill down from where we are right now. So if you will just note on tomorrow's agenda where it says 608 it really means 408. Thank you. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, we are talking about judges' salaries so a good mood has been set during the last hour or so, so it is probably an appropriate time to take up judges' salaries. The Judiciary Committee amendments on LB 603 would make two changes. First it reduces the salary increases to Judges of the Supreme Court from the proposed \$62,500 to \$55,000 a year. Secondly, the committee amendment proposes changes in the formula for determining salaries of lower court judges which was adopted in LB 111 last year. As you recall LB 111 ties the salaries of the Judges of the District Court to the salaries payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court effective January 6, 1983. Previously we had always dealt with each of these courts separately when it came to judges salaries. The committee amendment would change the formula by reducing the District Judges from 92.5% of the salary paid to the Judges of the Supreme Court to 85%. County, Municipal, Workmen's Compensation Court Judges salaries would be based on a 77.5% of the Supreme Court Judges salary rather than 85%. Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment to the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, will you read the amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cullan would move to amend the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, earlier this afternoon I circulated to the membership of the Legislature a copy of my amendment to the committee amendment. The amendment was prompted, quite honestly, by the Governor's address and the concern that we have over the economy in the State of Nebraska today and the way that we plan to treat other public employees in the State of Nebraska. What the amendment that I proposed will do will be to increase the salary of the Supreme Court and consequently of all of the other judges in the state of Nebraska 5% in January of 1983 and 5% in January 1, 1984. The effect of this amendment is