

Senator Cullan offered an amendment to the bill. It is found on page 1245 of the Legislative Journal. In essence, Mr. President, there are two amendments to the committee amendments. Am I right, Senator, remember, we divided the question on this? Okay, and the first portion would be the first half of the amendment that is found on page 1245.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I wonder if the Clerk could tell me which part we are addressing as of the division of the question?

CLERK: Senator, I believe it is the part that talks about 5%, an amount equal to 5%.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would urge you to adopt all of the committee amendments but what this particular phase of the committee amendments does is reduce the salary recommendations from those made by the Judiciary Committee to a 5% increase in salary over the next two years rather than the \$55,000 figure that the Judiciary Committee advanced to us. The second part of the committee amendments or the amendment to the committee amendments which you will consider shortly has to do with LB 111 which is the scale that applies for just judges. The committee amendments recommended a lower percentage for district court judges and county court judges than existed in LB 111 last year and that is the next issue. So right now I would just like to ask you to advance or to adopt the amendment to the committee amendments which specify that the Supreme Court will receive a salary increase of 2½% in this coming fiscal year which is equivalent to 5% for the calendar year, and then 5% for the ensuing calendar year. So those are the recommendations that I am making now. I urge you to adopt the amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I think we are going to have a number of issues I know dealing with the judges and with constitutional officers to face us in the ensuing days that we have left in this session. I guess I have some misgivings about building in an increase in future years, whether it be for either of those groups I mentioned. I think one thing that has happened to our society is that we built in inflation and that is what has happened to our automobile manufacturers and a lots of other businesses. I am not sure it didn't happen also to Safeway. I would much rather set the salary where you think it should be at this day in time in our history and not build in a 5%