

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment passed. The motion to advance passed, pardon me. We are ready for #6 on motions. We have fifteen minutes on each one of these. At the end of fifteen minutes we are going to take a vote up or down after we return the bill. If anything else we are not going to have any more amendments on it and any further voting will be done without debate. That is just the order from the Speaker. All right, LB 89.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh had an amendment on page 1780. I understand she wishes to withdraw that.

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh would move to return LB 89 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman, that amendment is signed by Senator Hefner and Senator Rex Haberman and myself and I will let Rex open on it please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this isn't a complicated bill. It isn't even a heavily financial bill. It says that on January 6, 1983, the salary of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court as provided for in this section shall be increased by an amount equal to 5%. On January 1, 1984, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court as adjusted on January 6, 1983, shall be increased by 5%. Two years, they get a 5% increase and then that is it. Then we come back and we talk about it again. So this gives them a 5% increase for two years. It is going to cost \$115,000 which I think we can afford. Now I have stood up here in the past and opposed the increase for judges but I met with Chief Justice Krivosha many times over the DWI bill and many times over other things that have come up in the courts throughout the summer in the months that I was working on that bill. And my respect for him and what he is trying to do has grown. My respect for the court and some of the judges has grown. I was judging all of the judges and all of the courts by the few and I was wrong. I feel that these men deserve and should have this increase in salary, this modest increase in salary. Sure, they say that they know what the salary is when they run for it. Sure, they can say that there are people lined up asking to be judges. That isn't the issue. The issue is, is it a fair salary? No, it is not a fair salary to pay the Supreme Court \$48,000... \$348,315. The 5% increases it to \$50,731 and then the other 5% increases it to \$53,267 and I think that this is a fair