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SENATOR STROMER: So we could change that part and maybe do something like Senator DeCamp and I were discussing in the fact of setting in an annual inflationary rate of raise, because I think the problem we've had is the fact that the county officials have because of the stipulation of every four years, we are not able to keep up with inflationary rates, of course just as some other people who have had their salaries set by constitution.

SENATOR ANDERSON: I would, before we would even look at this, I would want to resolve absolutely the question whether this is a constitutional requirement or not. This is the reason why we are talking twenty five percent as we are operating under the four year prohibition against raising salaries.

SENATOR STROMER: Would it be agreeable that we would lay this bill over until perhaps Tuesday, or at such time when we could get the information and find out for sure and maybe draft some, an amendment to work in an inflationary rate?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Would you go over exactly what you have in mind again.

SENATOR STROMER: Well I think as Senator DeCamp outlined, the fact that twenty five percent is a rather large increase all at once to start with an increase now and to build into the law, an inflationary increase, that would correspond to the national rate of inflation.

SENATOR ANDERSON: The other thing I think that needs to be taken into account here though is the fact that because the salaries have been pegged for a four year period, this means that the county officials have been going back, backwards at the rate of inflation for the last three years, and this is another thing that I, I think that if we fail to recognize is this, then we are, then we are really putting them back, and so I'm not real enthused about doing this type of thing.

SENATOR STROMER: Because I would be interested in trying to work out something with this, and particularly with Senator DeCamp, you know that has an interest in this also, and possibly if we could working it out to see if it would be legally possible.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator, excuse me, are you through Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Well Senator Stromer's pretty much answered the question I had, I would just add additionally, if we go at it with the approach of huge increases like this twenty five percent, we are saying in effect we have no control over inflation, we are just going to recognize it, and let her fly. I think we can, on the state level, show our interest in controlling the problem if we approach it on a reasonable basis, and it is much more reasonable to tie something to a specific inflation factor, rather than to create a higher factor, which is what this bill tends to do.

SPEAKER: The Chair next recognizes Senator Dickinson, then Senator Syas, Stull and Whitney.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Anderson would you yield to a couple of questions? Mr. President and members of the body.

SPEAKER: Senator Anderson will you yield?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: You have answered some of my questions, I'm sure in your discussion, but as you have suggested perhaps we've established the legislature's right to interfere in other divisions of state government and in view of my vote the other day,