

March 15, 1994

LB 903, 1275, 1290, 1351

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: I feel somewhat comfortable with the 3 percent because of the raises that we've given to state employees plus our employees over the last year. I feel it's very important that we don't get too far out of kilter with those same numbers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would 4 percent seem unreasonable to you?

SENATOR BYARS: I think probably they would deserve 4 percent, but at this time I think I would resist that because I want to keep it less than that to keep it in line with what we're paying our other employees.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we make a situation right not by raising those who should get more to what they ought to get, but by making sure we hold others down. Is that your philosophy?

SENATOR BYARS: No, because I would be in favor of raising our other employees more, but as long as we did not and we have set the policy of not paying them more, I think it is somewhat elitist to pay our judges more money than we pay our state employees.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well we might formulate an opinion that the employees aren't worth anything. Should that apply across the board to everybody who works for the state?

SENATOR BYARS: My employees I think are...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BYARS: ...very, very valuable and I appreciate them and I want to try to treat them as fairly as I can.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Beutler has amendments to LB 1275, Senator Hudkins to LB 1351 and Senator Withem to LB 1290. (See pages 1228-37 of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Witek would move to adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, March 16.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The motion is to adjourn until tomorrow morning