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Senator or Mr. President, and hope that people advance the constitutional amendment on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The question before the body is, shall LR 4CA be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 4CA.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 5CA is by...a resolution proposed originally by Senator Kristensen. It proposes an amendment to Article III, Section 7 of the Nebraska Constitution. It was introduced on January 8, referred to the Executive Board, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0908, Legislative Journal page 1194.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: To open on LR 5CA, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This constitutional amendment is a direct increase in legislative pay. And it would...if you look at the green copy, it says, strike out "one thousand" and put "XXX", because I didn't, quite frankly, know what level of pay to put in there. That's the reason. The Executive Board had the decision and the discussion. They have a committee amendment to make a suggestion to you. If people want to amend that figure, the time to do that is to amend the committee amendment. If you do not accept the committee amendment, then there is an amendment to the bill that I have in the wings that would be a cost of living increase to reflect the cost of living increase from 1988 until now. And that would be another fall-back position. We wanted to give you the opportunity to talk about what, if we don't do a compensation commission, what would be an appropriate level to a specific dollar amount? And I would yield the remainder of my opening to Senator Coordsen, or if he wants to go to the committee amendment, that would be more appropriate, Mr. President.