

which as interpreted, to give an additional salary increase based on the percentage increase state employees receive. The officers, except the Governor, also would receive access to a state owned motor vehicle with fuel and maintenance provided on a twenty-four hour basis. Now the committee amendments substantially change all this. The committee amendments strike Section 3 which would increase the officer's salary based on the percentage increase given to state employees. The committee accepted a fixed salary for each year during the term of office from 1983 through 1986. Section 4, on supply of a state motor vehicle to the officer is retained but language is added that the vehicle is to be used for official state business only and a record of their use of the vehicle will have to be kept. The old and new salaries based on the committee's amendments are the Governor's salary from \$40,000 to \$50,000; the Attorney General from \$39,500 to \$48,000 and all the other constitutional officers, the whole group, the state Treasurer, the state Auditor, the Secretary of State and all those officers would be from \$32,000 to \$40,000. The committee also accepted an amendment offered by the Public Service Commission raising the Commissioners salary from \$25,000 to \$27,000. Now in the bill as it was drafted, of course there were escalations in the salary to cover the cost of living and the committee felt that we would rather set a fixed salary for the term of their office and that term of course runs much longer than most of us realize and I would like to cover that with you. The statutes provide that the filing fee for these offices is 1% of the annual salary they will make in that office. Time for filing, now remember this, is seventy-five days before the primary for incumbents and sixty days for all others. Of course that filing date will be next spring. So what we are talking about now, the last paycheck they would receive on the salaries we are talking about today would be about five and a half years from now. So rather than to have an escalator in the salary as they wanted in the first place, a percentage raise each year, the committee felt that it would be better to set a substantial salary and leave it that way for the entire period. I move the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: There is an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Beutler and Wesely move to amend the committee amendments. (See pages 2119-2120 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler. Senator Wesely.