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money with watching the taxpayers dollars than being such good employers, if you will, since we are representing the public, by raising our public employees salaries this often is not necessarily good business practice. So I urge the body's adoption of this amendment to the committee amendments and leave these salaries stay the same for, let them at least wait more than one year before we start raising their salaries again.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I rise, Mr. President, to support Senator Vickers' amendment. I think, like he said, they just received a salary increase two years ago and you give them another two thousand dollars a year when I don't think their duties have increased at all in the last two years and it has been my experience many times in trying to reach these Public Service Commissioners, that I can't ever find them in office. Infact, you can't even find out where to reach them or get them to return a call. I think in view of the Governor's veto of so many programs, that I don't think the Governor would want this kind of a salary increase. We saw his vetoes yesterday and I know that the spirit of this entire legislative body is to save money and I think for \$25,000 a year, why we could probably find twenty-five thousand people ready to take that job right now, qualified, and I haven't really seen the Public Service Commission do that much for the people. You know, they set the rates for the telephone company, the taxicabs. Have you seen those rates going down? I have seen them going up. So I don't know, maybe we ought to cut their salaries and then maybe they would cut some of those rates they have been allowed to be increased, so I rise in support of Senator Vickers' amendment. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, I object to the amendment. I think that while you say two years ago their salary was raised, we are talking about a salary five and a half years from now and I do think that we are going to increase the duties of the Public Service Commission. We have a bill, I guess it will be on Final Reading tomorrow morning and it deals with grain elevators which will put more duties on these people. And by comparison the \$27,000 is not a very big salary if they spend the time that they should be spending, at least, on this job. So I oppose the amendment. I think the \$27,000 is reasonable. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Goodrich.