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SENATOR HIGGINS: Does he have a chauffeur?

SENATOR GOODRICH: For his protection, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Did he veto a bill that would have increased \$10 a week to women with children, ADC, that would have amounted to \$520 a year for one woman and child?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I believe you are correct in that regard.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Have you asked him if he wants this \$7,500 increase for himself which is approximately \$7,000 more than he wanted to give to one woman with a child?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I did not discuss this with him because I figured that he knows all about it and if he wanted it changed he would have discussed it with me.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words then, the Governor himself, you would assume, wants a \$7,500 a year increase?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well I am not going to speak for the Governor. You can do that if you want to.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well he didn't ask you to withdraw it. I mean, you are speaking for the bill, so \$7,500 over a four year term is going to be about \$30,000. I happen to know a few people who would be more than happy to take that office for the present salary of \$40,000 and they would even pay rent on the mansion. I have to oppose this bill simply because we have been sitting here listening all through this session that we are supposed to follow our leader in Washington and tighten our belts. Now if the Governor is going to go along with a \$47,500 salary for himself every year... Senator Marsh, you keep interrupting me. If you want to make a point, go ahead. It isn't for him? As far as I am concerned, his best advisers have assured us all that he will be the next Governor, that the opposite party does not have a candidate, at least not a male candidate. So I am going to have to say... I am going to vote for this salary increase because I want to see if the Governor is going to veto this like he vetoed the money for the retarded, like he vetoed the lousy \$520 a year for the ADC and I hope everyone else here gives the Governor this salary increase and then the people will see how serious he is about we in the Legislature and him tightening his belt. This one he can't say, the Legislature overspent. He is going to have the opportunity to veto it. So Senator Higgins is going to vote for the salary increases for all these people.