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is kind of a new program. One of the reasons I think the Governor should not be given a 10 thousand dollar a year salary increase, no matter who he or she might be, and I am not speaking about the other constitutional officers because they do not get the same perks that the Governor gets. Now I hope you will listen closely to this. Our Governor is provided with a cook whose salary is \$8,496 a year. Do you know they have got women in York that could come and cook dinner for the Governor and his wife every day and that would be training, their rehabilitation. Our Governor has an \$11,314 a year social secretary. Again, we can save \$11,314 a year by using an inmate from York. I am sure that they have got some there that can type to be a social secretary, and the housekeeper, \$9,612. I am talking to you people that are being conservative this year and say we have got to save money. What is wrong with taking a woman from the York Penitentiary and saying, you dust the bannisters. We can save \$9,600. Now this is the killer, this is the killer, the Governor's budget for food, \$14,084. Now two years ago when he took office the previous Governor's budget was \$7,148. So Governor Thone is telling us that in two years food prices have doubled. This is the same Governor that said, "Don't give people back \$3 more on their food sales tax refund. Let them have a dollar at the most." But the Governor himself is showing us food costs have doubled because he has jumped the budget from \$7,100 to \$14,084. Now you think he does a lot of entertaining. You bet he does but I will tell you something you don't know. A lot of people that entertain in the Governor's mansion are given the bill and they have to pay for all that food and drink. Several groups have had to pay so that it did not come out of the Governor's \$14,084 a year budget. Now to my knowledge, so far, the Governor has not sent a message to the Legislature to increase his salary or the next Governor's salary \$10 a month but we have had his message on LB 561 that we should be fiscally responsible and cut the budget for the mentally retarded and don't give women on ADC with one child more than a \$10 a month increase. I know that the Governor is going to have to make up his mind to sign this bill, whatever way it ends up. If we are going to go with Senator Goodrich's 6% per annum increase, which is a pretty good idea, he says, for saving us money, but I just want to say this. If the Governor says he is going to sign this bill in its present form giving him 10 thousand dollars a year increase, I offered this amendment so that the other constitutional officers who do not get \$14,000 a year for food, who do not have a housekeeper, a social secretary and a cook, he can still sign it and let those fellows have their pay increase and he can take what a woman and

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