

exactly what the figure is. I could look it up but we are talking about very few dollars when we are talking about increasing these salaries of the executives in state government. So I really would urge you to reject the Higgins amendment and hopefully we will move this bill without further debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I really appreciate what Senator Ernestine Higgins or Senator Marge Chambers or which ever it is, had to say because she came right down the line and I think it is time now that those who have a sense of compassion bring before the Legislature head on, the way we feel about the lack of compassion when dealing with other issues. I think Senator Peterson would agree with this \$10 raise and probably say it is too much because the Governor can get a garden. Who would not be willing to give the Governor a little plot of ground? Give him a shovel, give him a pitchfork, let him go out there and dig a little bit, cut some of that extra belly that he is developing from eating twice as much food as the former Governor. Now Exon was taller, he was stockier and didn't have as much flab so I think in raising a garden, not only will the Governor have some more food but he can do some exercise. We know, don't we, Senator Peterson, that a sound mind and a sound body is the ideal and that when people have something to do with their body in a physical way like tending a garden they won't send messages over here saying I am going to veto LB 39 or I am going to veto LB 352, Senator Cullan. As a law student he has learned things about modus operandi, that you determine a pattern of conduct by a certain individual in getting an idea as to whether or not they did a certain other thing. Well when the Governor has a pattern of expressing his opposition to bills before they get over there and he refuses to express opposition to this one, silence gives consent. He wants this bill. He is hungry for it. A man who eats twice as much as Governor Exon has got to have more money and he can't get his garden producing it in time to satisfy that voracious appetite. Now, if his intent is not to run for Governor, he ought to declare it. Just like when there was some controversy about the Treasurer which I don't remember all the ins and outs but he said something about the person who gets this job ought to be willing to run again and let the public know exactly what we are dealing with. So it would be good if he would apply those principles to himself. Let him declare that he does not intend to run. Then he has no interest in this bill whatsoever, but I can see him over there sitting