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SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Higgins, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Cullan, you said the Governor hasn't asked for a salary increase. Has he come around and asked anybody to drop him from this bill, the Governor's increase? I have not heard of it. I know Goodrich told me this afternoon, "Hey, Marge, I've got a new amendment. We are just going to increase it 6% in '83 and then 6% of that in '84 and '85." If he doesn't want it why aren't they scheming and trying to find ways to get him something? But so far all I have seen come from the Governor is veto, veto, veto of the poor people and I have not seen him send a message back yet even indicating he would veto this bill or even sending out feelers to find out whether or not anybody would be interested in taking his name or his increase off. Senator Cullan said this bill is a drop in the bucket. You know that old poem we learned as kids, "Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make a mighty ocean, make a mighty land." This little drop of water for all the constitutional officers and the Governor will amount to a little drop in the bucket of \$271,040 over the four year term of these people. That is a drop in the bucket. Wait until the people back home read we just dropped another drop in the bucket of \$271,040 in order to give higher salaries to the constitutional officers and the Governor. I repeat, we all know what ADC means. Those people have subsidized housing. What do you call that mansion across the street that the Governor pays no rent on? Those people have food stamps. What do you call a \$14,000 a year food budget? I wonder how many families could actually eat off of \$14,000 a year, seriously? Senators, I think I have made my point and, Senator Goodrich, I am not going to withdraw my amendment as you asked. I want to see how many of these conservatives are going to vote conservative on this amendment. Now here is the roll call vote on how we voted on ADC and now we will see how we vote to be fiscally conservative on this bill. Thank you, Senators.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is Senator Higgins' amendment. All those in favor vote aye. All opposed vote nay. This is a record vote. Have you all voted? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to know how