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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move to suspend the rules and take up the issue tonight.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle, do you want to talk to that motion?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and mellers, I support Senator Haberman. I think it is time we face up to the issue one way or the other. We do not have that much time. I think this is an issue that needs to be decided this year. These people have not had a change in salary for...well it would be, by the time their office expires in January of 1983, it will be about six years from the time that salary was decided when they ran for office and I know it is late and we have a lot of things to go through yet but I believe it would be foolish to postpone this until tomorrow or the next day and make it impossible to pass. I think we owe it to the constitutional officers. If you do not like the figures that are in there, why that is another issue but to evade it completely and not face up to it and find all kinds of excuses to delay it and to foul it up and to cast reflections of our constitutional officers, which we do not know who they are going to be when this salary comes into effect, I think is plain foolishness. So I think we should face up to the fact, vote the salaries that you see fit but let's do it now and get it done. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it really matters not to me whether you take the motion up now or not because I would say the same thing today that I would say tomorrow. However, we can be here as long as you want to be here and, Senator Kahle, I promise I will stay with you. So you all can suspend the rule if you want to but I will tell you this. There have been all kind of discussions about whether the rules ought to be suspended or whether they should not. So I do not think this vote will depend on how we feel about suspending the rules. That will not have anything to do with it. Senator Kahle said a decision should be made about this bill. I have heard grumbling that the bill ought to just go on and be killed so maybe this vote on the motion to suspend the rules will say something. If you want to kill the bill do not vote to suspend the rules. I guess that will effectively do it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of