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at this point in time simply because we are tired or Senator Chambers and Senator Higgins and a few others oppose what evidently on General File and earlier today, the majority of this membership wanted to do. Whether Governor Thone wants this increase or whether he does not, whether Senator DeCamp wants this increase or whether he does, not does not really make much difference to me because we do not know who is going to be the Governor in the future. What we should be voting upon is what the salary of the Governors of the State of Nebraska and the other constitutional officers should be. The State of Nebraska is in excess of a billion dollar business. It is an operation that provides services to the people of the State of Nebraska. It is important and the Governor of the State of Nebraska should not be so meagerly paid. How many executive officers or corporate officers in the State of Nebraska make many, many times what the Governor is currently paid? Now we do not think that the Governor, of course, should be paid in that same bracket but the Governor of the State of Nebraska should not be paid so meagerly as he is today and I think it is an insult for us to pass a bill that raises the salary of the other constitutional officers and does not raise the salary of the Governor. I will personally vote against this bill if you adopt this amendment and I think more importantly, we have allowed a very small membership of this Legislature to determine the fate of this issue. It is only six thirty-three and I am not willing to yield to Senator Chambers or Senator Higgins at midnight, much less this early in the day. It is a bad precedent for us to set to yield to these people just because it is at this time of the day. If we supported this bill on General File and if we supported it previously, then we should support it now, irrespective of who the Governor is now and irrespective of who the Governor is going to be. I just urge you to reject it. It is ridiculous.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp-Goodrich amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

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

CLERK: 12 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. Do you have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend