

change not only because it is too late to place a constitutional amendment on the primary ballot but because an Attorney General's opinion stated that if two constitutional amendments concerning legislative pay are passed by the voters at the same election, they will cancel each other out. A constitutional amendment proposing that legislators be paid up to one-third of the Governor's salary introduced by Senator Johnson will be on the primary ballot. If both amendments were on the primary ballot and both passed, we would then be left without an improvement in legislative pay. So for these reasons we would like to propose this constitutional amendment to the voters in the general election. The amendment would also insert a condition which stipulates this constitutional amendment would go on the ballot only if the pay raise constitutional amendment on the primary ballot is defeated. The third part of this amendment puts back the language which sets our pay at \$4,800 a year. This was deleted accidentally last session when the bill was amended to include the expenses. So if this bill is passed, as amended, a constitutional amendment will be proposed to the voters in the general election of '82 which would provide the senators with expenses and a maximum salary of \$4,800 a year. But this amendment would only go on the ballot if the constitutional amendment on the May ballot which pegs the legislative salaries at a maximum of one-third of the Governor's salary is defeated by the voters. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to the motion to return? All right, I see no other speakers Senator Labeledz, I guess that is your opening and your closing. The motion is to return. Do you have anything further? All right the motion is the return of LB 531 for the specific Labeledz amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, the bill is returned. Senator Labeledz, do you wish to move the adoption of your amendment?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I move for the advancement back to Final Reading of LB 531.

PRESIDENT: The motion is...

SENATOR LABEDZ: Adopted, I'm sorry.