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SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, I believe you were up next as I recall.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right. Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to first state that I am directing my remarks to Senator Burrows and no one else. Senator Burrows, you are on what we call the original form of the bill, LB 488, that is what you are trying to amend in the form of this bill, an amendment to this bill, and I suggest, for example, for the benefit of anyone that might want to listen in that you are doing this for only one reason and that is for your own political campaign for Governor. There is no other reason you would want to do this. I suggest to this body that we are going, in fact we have the amendments hanging on both the A bill and the original bill of 488 to amend it and that will completely change the figures in that bill. I would suggest to this body that this is not the proper thing to do. I would urge you not to adopt this particular amendment because these figures will be changed drastically before we get through with 488 and 488A.. There is no rhyme or reason to the amendment that is being offered for your consideration right now. I urge you not to vote for it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just would like to respond to Senator Goodrich's remarks. It seems like an awful lot that we are doing here the past couple days has to do with campaigns, campaign promises and it doesn't necessarily have to do with the legislative branch. That is the end of my comment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Burrows, did you wish to close, please?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think Senator Goodrich's comments are not quite in order today because I think this was brought up the other day, very clearly. I think the members of this body heard the comments that were made that we could take these salary increases out of the budget without an A bill. Anywhere else we go when we appropriate additional funds, we put an A bill on it, and if they can claim they can take the salary increases out without an A bill, they have said very simply and clearly that they have overappropriated for these agencies that can take it out without an A bill. So let's make the issue clear and upfront and make the constitutional officers' salary bill carry an A bill with it like any other piece of legislation would in this session, not plug it in and pull it out of