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first and then I will know.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And then...I don't want to take that much time on it. I thought you had this all worked out but he would get a thousand dollar increase in 1983. Then in 1984 he would get more than that again?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well he would get a thousand plus 5% in '84.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So then he would get 5% of \$41,000 the next year and the next year it would be 5% of the additional.

SENATOR GOODRICH: That is true. It compounds.

SENATOR HIGGINS: It compounds. Well I remember last week Senator Fenger offered an amendment that the state employees get no raise and January 1st we see if the economy is turned around and if it turned around then the state employees might get a raise and if it didn't turn around they wouldn't get a raise. This is an A bill and again I have to ask the question, is the Governor going to veto this bill or is he going to sign this bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That is his decision to make. I haven't asked him specifically.

SENATOR HIGGINS: You have never discussed this with him?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I have not directly discussed this bill with the Governor at all, yes, you are right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well let me ask you this.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I have discussed it with the other constitutional officers but not with the Governor.

SENATOR HIGGINS: That seems strange because he is the one that is going to get the biggest pay raise and he is the one that is talking the most about cutting the budget. I would think he would be the first one you would want to discuss it with. Do you know, have any of the constitutional officers including the Governor, said that they will not work for their present wage, that they will resign? There is ten... or was it 40 thousand people waiting to volunteer to take the jobs of state employees? If the constitutional officers don't get a raise do you think we would have any trouble replacing them? Or do you know of any of them that want to resign if they don't get it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I did not take that approach with them.