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I just looked at the ethics of it and the fact that they had not received a raise for four years and if we don't pass something in this year it will be a total of eight years before they ever get a raise.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well I think the Governor might get a raise just through his federal retirement check. If the federal government gives a raise to their employees then I think the retirees get one. So in addition to the \$40 thousand for the Governor plus his government retirement plus all the perks...I don't know, Senator Goodrich, I just don't know how we can tell the state employees they can have nothing and then those who are making so much more money we are going to look out for them for four years in advance when we don't even know what the economy is going to be one year from now, let alone four years from now. And I don't have anything against any one of the constitutional employees including Governor Thone but I just think what is good for the goose ought to be good for the gander.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Well, Senator Higgins, would you forget that...

SENATOR HIGGINS: I knew what this job paid when I took it and I'm not asking for a raise.

SENATOR GOODRICH: If the public does not pass our raise in the May election are you going to resign?

SENATOR CLARK: We can't carry on a dialogue.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I'm not going to resign but I will tell you the truth, I'm not promising I'm going to run again but salary wouldn't be the reason for it. I made a commitment when I got elected.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Goodrich would respond to a question please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Goodrich, did I understand you to say in answer to Senator Kahle that you are contemplating a 5% increase a year for the next four years yet you indicated something about a total of 10% which divided by four made an average of 2.5% per year? Is that correct?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, let's go back. Now for example, they have not received a raise for four years, right, Senator Vickers?