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last time I called yesterday indicated that this morning he would be there all morning. So I called this morning and he is over to the Capitol building and will not be back, so I'm not able to get that confirmation from him, but I assure you that I would not make this up and I'm not lying to you. I stopped pushing for that increase for the Parole Board based on what Mr. Brisch had told me. I talked to a member of the Governor's staff about this because I had raised the issue when the Judiciary Committee was having a hearing on the budget request for the Parole Board and Corrections. I asked Mr. Bartee, the Chairman, had the Governor done anything about salaries and he said, no. So I had indicated that I was going to deliver on my promise to come back and seek that salary increase. The staff member for the Governor discussed the matter with her and she had a different recollection than what I've just told you. Her recollection was, and she and I did not talk directly about it, her recollection was that she said she would support an increase for the Parole Board members, not that she would provide for one. The reason you should accept mine rather than the Governor's is because she did not participate in the discussion between Mr. Brisch and myself, and since it is within the power of the Governor's Office to set the Parole Board's salary, it would be more logical that she would bring the request for the increase. But all of that having been laid aside by way of background, she indicated to her staff member that she would support a reasonable increase. Knowing the amount that I wanted to bring the salaries up to last year, she said it would be better, and this is what the staff member told me, to phase in this amount and not try to do it in one year. So what I've handed around...oh, and that she would support a reasonable increase. What I've handed around to you is a sheet that will show you what Parole Board members and their chairpersons are receiving in this region of the country and you'll see that the amount that I am requesting which would be a \$45,000 salary for the Chairman and \$40,000 for each full-time member will put them still below every other Parole Board in this region and the figures that I handed out to you are based on what those Parole Board members were receiving in 1987. So, the Kansas Chairman in 1987 was receiving \$56,500 and each full-time board member \$54,048. I'm asking for 45,000 for the Chairman, 40,000 for the members which would put the Chairman \$11,500 below what is paid in Kansas and each member would be \$14,000 under what is paid. In Colorado, their Chair in '87 was receiving 47,000 and each member 42,000. So the chairperson here would be \$2,000 under the amount that their chairperson is receiving and the members