

they are in office. So unless there is a certain unusual set of circumstances that happens to happen, which is highly unusual, but in other words, you have to do this kind of legislation while they are in their current session of office to be effective after the elections, and, consequently, that is why we do it in this particular kind of a year. Since the committee amendments are now the bill, they have been explained. On the material that I had passed out, you will notice that the front page of it shows what we are currently paying each one of them, and what, on the right hand column, it shows what the committee amendments recommends, and then in the very next to the last page of that handout is a comparison of the various jobs with the surrounding states around us, and that is on the next to the last page. There is also an indication as Senator Schimek was asking as to is there that much disparity between the positions that is reflected in that next to the last page also. So in essence, we are being very conservative about these raises. They are not in effect...will not go into effect even if we pass them until after the elections. We also, and a very important point that we all should keep in mind, we must have this particular bill passed prior to the filing of the new candidates or the current candidates, whichever, so that the filing fees will be determined based on the next salaries as opposed to this salary, that sort of thing. We just need to know before the elections what the filing fee should be, and then, in essence, the salaries will have been set for the next term of each of these before we even know who is going to occupy the job. So, consequently, I would advance...I would move, rather, to advance LB 503 to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion. Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill by raising...would you like me to read, Senator,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

CLERK: ...by raising the Governor's salary by \$10,000 and each of the other constitutional officers salaries by \$5,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, you didn't know I was such a good ventriloquist, did you? That was me speaking and you thought it was the Clerk, but, anyway, what I am trying to do is establish that gap between the Governor's salary and the next