

highest, which would be the Attorney General. If you would like to divide the question so that we deal only with the Governor's salary, and then make the remaining salaries a separate issue, I wouldn't have any objection to that. But if you accept the amendment as I have offered it, the Governor would then be making \$75,000 a year, which is not really that large an amount of money for the position that the Governor holds. I think a point has to be reached where as a Legislature establishing policy we must show by the votes that we cast what we think of the significance of some of these offices and the work that they do, the responsibilities that go along with the office, and I say, again, that we should look beyond the individuals who sit in the office because now we are doing something that relates to the office, itself. When you consider that the Governor is the highest elected official in this state, that the Governor symbolizes what the state is, and will go various places around the country representing the state, \$75,000 is really not an exorbitant amount of money. Even if the Governor were somewhat ceremonial as in some cases a President has been, the salary that attached to the office was not based on the individual who happened to sit there. As a matter of fact, there is a period during the early 1900's and you might even say the late 1890's, or the late 1800's, when you had a series of presidents who probably were as honorable or no more dishonorable than anybody else who sat in that office, but it is difficult to remember who they are, and which order they occurred in, but simply because they were so nondescript, they didn't...their presence did not result in a diminution of the accoutrements of the office. So I hope that we can get enough votes to raise the Governor's salary by \$10,000, and these others by five. If you are in favor of raising the Governor but want to discuss the others individually, then I wish anybody who feels that way would divide the question so that the Governor is taken and then the rest will be taken as a group.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion on the Chambers amendment? Senator Hefner, followed by Senators Godrich and Bernard-Stevens.

**SENATOR HEFNER:** Mr. President, and members of the body, Senator Chambers, could I have your attention, please. Okay, you are going to raise the Governor's salary to 75,000. You say that is a \$10,000 increase from what?

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** From what is in the committee amendments.