

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and now the Governor is getting 60,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Fifty-eight.

SENATOR HEFNER: Fifty-eight, okay. Okay, what percentage increase is that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hefner, I am not that good in mathematics but it is about a 3 percent increase.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. (Laughter) I thought maybe you would say revenue neutral.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, I will buy that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, but I would like to ask you a question, why should we raise these constitutional officers of a more percentage increase than the ordinary state employee is getting? Why shouldn't we use a schedule for them, too?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First of all, we can raise state employees salaries yearly, which we do, and we can throw in fringe benefits and other things, but what happens here is that you can do it only after an election. I mean they cannot receive a raise during the term of their election, so for four years, or whatever the period of that term of office is, there can be no increase for them. And there has been a time...let me see what Senator Goodrich is offering here to confuse me.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, Senator Chambers, we are using my time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, one thing, the average for Governors right now is \$77,000 so I would still have us below that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, that is okay but have we been that far off the mark for the last four years?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-huh.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, well, Glenn said it is 30 but I am trying to be gentle and kind to us.