

somewhat discouraging. I have a feeling that if 49 senators were here, that amendment would go. It is always interesting on the floor to hear a lot of discussion why we need to do something and have no discussion, whatsoever, from people who are opposed. No discussion took place on those that were opposed. I don't know if they are afraid to state their reasons on the floor because they are afraid of what repercussions would be, but it would always be interesting for people who were opposed to that if they'd have the courage to come up and say this is why I don't want that particular proposal. This is why it is not good to set salaries at the average level of the states around us. This is why it is not good to encourage good people to run for political office so we can have the best quality as possible. I would love to hear the arguments, particularly since, if I remember correctly, if you set it at 75,000 and you are afraid the Governor might veto it, which I don't believe that she would, but if there is feelings out there, I seem to remember that we might be able to line-item certain things down, and it would certainly give the Governor some discretion. I would love to hear some discussion on that other side. Fortunately, we do have another level on Select File when more senators will have a little bit more courage and we will have a few more people here to do what needs to be done. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion? Any close, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, to demonstrate the wisdom of our changing the rules, I will now ask unanimous consent to withdraw the remainder of that motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there objection? Seeing none, so ordered. Thank you. Back to the bill, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Just move that we advance the bill, LB 503, to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of that motion to advance the bill please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 503.