

I have heard it stated that the way they trap a monkey is to put an item of food that the monkey wants into a container which is stationary and unmovable. That monkey puts his or her paw into the container, grabs the food, and the opening is too small to allow a closed fist to emerge although an open hand could enter. The monkey is either so greedy or so silly that he or she refuses to open the fist and his or her greed traps the monkey. I think the judges did that when they came in with a 20 percent, so what Senator Hefner and I are trying to do is enlarge the opening so that they can keep their greedy little fist closed but they will be able to withdraw it with a modicum of dignity. In all seriousness, I doubt that the 20 percent is going to go, but if the judges are so greedy and if those carrying the water for the judges agreed to that notion of greediness, all amendments will be rejected and the judges may wind up getting those increases that are already a matter of law, and they will get them because they have been promised. But you will notice how their begging overlaps. They don't allow one triumph based on their panhandling to run its course before they are back here panhandling again. If we give them this 10 percent on top of the five that they will get in July, that increase by 10 percent will give them about a \$7,000 jump in January. Seven thousand dollars is a nice piece of change. I believe that it is reasonable, if you can talk about reasonableness in this whole set of circumstances. I would like to ask Senator Kristensen a question, if I may.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Kristensen, would you respond?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kristensen, are you locked into the 20 percent so that you would not consider a lesser increase?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, I think the 20 percent is a fair, good figure. If you are asking me do I think that there may be some room in the middle, maybe, maybe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A little room in the middle to muddle.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Maybe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now let me ask you this question, if I may. Well, never mind, I will wait until I turn my light on and have my time because I may want to discuss a couple of things