

get the 20 percent, I would rather get nothing. They will be joyful. And anybody who writes for the media can go and ask them, how do they feel about getting the 10 percent, then seven on top of that, followed by another 7 percent increase? They're happy. I don't say they're delirious. Everybody wants as much as they can get, but sometimes in a situation where we're talking about money you have to take what is available. I probably did a better job of sizing up the mood of the body than Senator Schmit did. When Senator Schmit brought the bill with the 20 percent, when Senator Kristensen supported the 20 percent, Senator Kristensen recognized that there was room in the middle to muddle from the beginning but Senator Schmit wanted the full amount because he felt that was justified, but the full amount is not available in this body. So after a little time has passed, Senator Schmit will look back on this and he will say that there should have been three names on that amendment to Senator Baack's amendment, and his should have been one of the three. It's still Senator Schmit's bill. It's still giving a pay increase to the judges. And perhaps 10 percent is more...and I mean this now without being facetious, 10 percent is more than they probably expected to wind up netting on that first jump. So the bill, in its present form, is better than it was before, but only time will determine what its ultimate fate will be. I don't like the idea of building in all these increases. Some say do it in this way to spread to it over a number of years. I would rather we just give them the amount at one fell swoop, then have them come back in again when they need an amount, because it's unwise on their part to always have in the law an increase that has been guaranteed, then before that series of increases runs out, here they come again.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know where they're getting their political advice, but there comes a point when things take on a perception which may not reflect the reality. But things are to people what those people perceive those things to be, and the perception with the method...of the method that the judges have chosen to employ is that they're in here every opportunity and they want a string of built-in increases. That's not wise. They need some political counseling. They are going to get their appellate court amendment on the ballot. So what the public sees is in one year, while getting the Legislature to vote to cut their work load, they're being asked to give them a gigantic increase. It's just too much. The monkey needs to